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## 1. FUNDAMENTAL AND DERIVED UNITS

	Symbol	Metric		English	
		Unit	Abbrevia- tion	Unit	Abbrevia- tion
Length.....	$l$	meter.....	m	foot (or mile).....	ft (or mi)
Time.....	$t$	second.....	s	second (or hour).....	sec (or hr)
Force.....	$F$	weight of 1 kilogram.....	kg	weight of 1 pound.....	lb
Power.....	$P$	horsepower (metric).....		horsepower.....	hp
Speed.....	$V$	kilometers per hour.....	kph	miles per hour.....	mph
		meters per second.....	mps	feet per second.....	fps

## 2. GENERAL SYMBOLS

$W$	Weight= $mg$	$\nu$	Kinematic viscosity
$g$	Standard acceleration of gravity= $9.80665 \text{ m/s}^2$ or $32.1740 \text{ ft/sec}^2$	$\rho$	Density (mass per unit volume)
$m$	Mass= $\frac{W}{g}$		Standard density of dry air, $0.12497 \text{ kg-m}^{-3}\text{-s}^2$ at $15^\circ \text{ C}$ and $760 \text{ mm}$ ; or $0.002378 \text{ lb-ft}^{-3}\text{-sec}^2$
$I$	Moment of inertia= $mk^2$ . (Indicate axis of radius of gyration $k$ by proper subscript.)		Specific weight of "standard" air, $1.2255 \text{ kg/m}^3$ or $0.07651 \text{ lb/cu ft}$
$\mu$	Coefficient of viscosity		

## 3. AERODYNAMIC SYMBOLS

$S$	Area	$i_w$	Angle of setting of wings (relative to thrust line)
$S_w$	Area of wing	$i_t$	Angle of stabilizer setting (relative to thrust line)
$G$	Gap	$Q$	Resultant moment
$b$	Span	$\Omega$	Resultant angular velocity
$c$	Chord	$R$	Reynolds number, $\rho \frac{Vl}{\mu}$ where $l$ is a linear dimen- sion (e.g., for an airfoil of $1.0 \text{ ft}$ chord, $100 \text{ mph}$ , standard pressure at $15^\circ \text{ C}$ , the corresponding Reynolds number is $935,400$ ; or for an airfoil of $1.0 \text{ m}$ chord, $100 \text{ mps}$ , the corresponding Reynolds number is $6,865,000$ )
$A$	Aspect ratio, $\frac{b^2}{S}$	$\alpha$	Angle of attack
$V$	True air speed	$\epsilon$	Angle of downwash
$q$	Dynamic pressure, $\frac{1}{2}\rho V^2$	$\alpha_o$	Angle of attack, infinite aspect ratio
$L$	Lift, absolute coefficient $C_L = \frac{L}{qS}$	$\alpha_i$	Angle of attack, induced
$D$	Drag, absolute coefficient $C_D = \frac{D}{qS}$	$\alpha_a$	Angle of attack, absolute (measured from zero- lift position)
$D_o$	Profile drag, absolute coefficient $C_{D_o} = \frac{D_o}{qS}$	$\gamma$	Flight-path angle
$D_i$	Induced drag, absolute coefficient $C_{D_i} = \frac{D_i}{qS}$		
$D_p$	Parasite drag, absolute coefficient $C_{D_p} = \frac{D_p}{qS}$		
$C$	Cross-wind force, absolute coefficient $C_C = \frac{C}{qS}$		



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#### SUMMARY

*Results are presented of an investigation that has been undertaken to develop theoretical methods of treating the motions of hydrofoil systems and to determine some of the important parameters. Variations of parameters include three distributions of area between the hydrofoils, two rates of change of downwash angle with angle of attack, three depths of immersion, two dihedral angles, two rates of change of lift with immersion, three longitudinal hydrofoil spacings, two radii of gyration in pitching, and various horizontal and vertical locations of the center of gravity. Graphs are presented to show locations of the center of gravity for stable motion, values of the stability roots, and motions following the sudden application of a vertical force or a pitching moment to the hydrofoil system for numerous sets of values of the parameters.*

*The lateral stability of tandem-hydrofoil systems is briefly discussed, and values of the lateral stability roots are presented for two longitudinal hydrofoil spacings and two vertical locations of the center of gravity.*

*The analysis indicates that if only the longitudinal motions of a hydrofoil system are of interest the present theory should provide satisfactory predictions. An adequate theory for the lateral motions, however, must treat the longitudinal and lateral motions in combination. The conclusions based on the investigation are that a large longitudinal spacing between the hydrofoils, a large rate of change of lift with depth of immersion, and a horizontal location of the center of gravity near the center of the region of stable locations are important contributions in the attainment of desirable characteristics for the longitudinal motion. An appendix gives an outline of the methods of theoretical treatment used and presents methods used in computing the required stability derivatives.*

#### INTRODUCTION

The use of hydrofoils as an alternative to planing bottoms or hulls for the support of craft operating on the surface of water has been of interest for some time. (See reference 1.) Guidoni advocated the use of hydrofoils as a means of improving the take-off and rough-water performance of seaplanes as early as 1911. (See reference 2.) Some of the advantages claimed for hydrofoils over planing bottoms are a better ratio of lift to drag on the water and less sensitivity to irregularities of the water surface. In addition, if hydrofoils are used, the hull lines can be designed to favor good aerodynamic rather than good hydrodynamic characteristics, and by retracting the hydrofoils the aerodynamic performance can be even further improved. In spite of the evident advantages of these devices and the attention that they have received, no published work is known to exist on the stability of motion for systems employing hydrofoils.

The present paper deals theoretically with the behavior of a system supported solely by hydrofoils and is a first approach to the problem of developing methods of theoretical treatment for the more general case where the interaction of hydrofoils, hull, and aerodynamic surfaces have to be taken into account. The treatment is based on the theory of small oscillations and involves assumptions customarily made in applying the theory. (See reference 3.)

Definitions of all symbols used are listed at the beginning of the appendix.

#### LONGITUDINAL MOTIONS

The longitudinal motions of a number of hypothetical hydrofoil systems were investigated by means of calculations based on the theoretical treatment presented in the appendix. All the computations were for systems composed of two similar hydrofoils of rectangular plan form and rectangular tips. The hydrofoils were arranged in tandem and had an aspect ratio of 6 and a total hydrofoil area of 0.188 square foot. (See fig. 1.) The systems were assumed to have a mass of 0.256 slug and to operate at a velocity of 20 feet per second in water having a density of 1.97 slugs per cubic foot. The mass of the system was assumed to include all items such as structure and additional mass effect. For systems with dihedral the hydrofoil area, aspect ratio, and span were based on the part of the hydrofoil immersed during the initial undisturbed motion, although unwetted parts of the hydrofoils were assumed to project above the water far enough to ensure that the tips were never immersed during disturbed motions. (See fig. 2.) Most of these dimensional characteristics of the hydrofoil systems were chosen to facilitate comparison of the theoretical motions with the results of contemplated experimental tests. Changes in the other parameters were made to determine their effects on the stable regions, the stability roots, and the motions resulting from disturbances.

#### EFFECT OF PARAMETERS ON STABLE REGIONS

The stable region, as used in the present paper, indicates permissible locations of the center of gravity relative to the hydrofoils if the longitudinal motions are to be stable. The stable region alone, however, gives no quantitative indication of the degree of stability. The stable region is bounded by lines that are the loci of center-of-gravity locations for which neutrally stable longitudinal motions occur. The positions of the boundary lines, and hence the size of the region, vary with changes in the parameters of the hydrofoil system and thus suggest variations of the parameters that may be of practical interest for more detailed study.

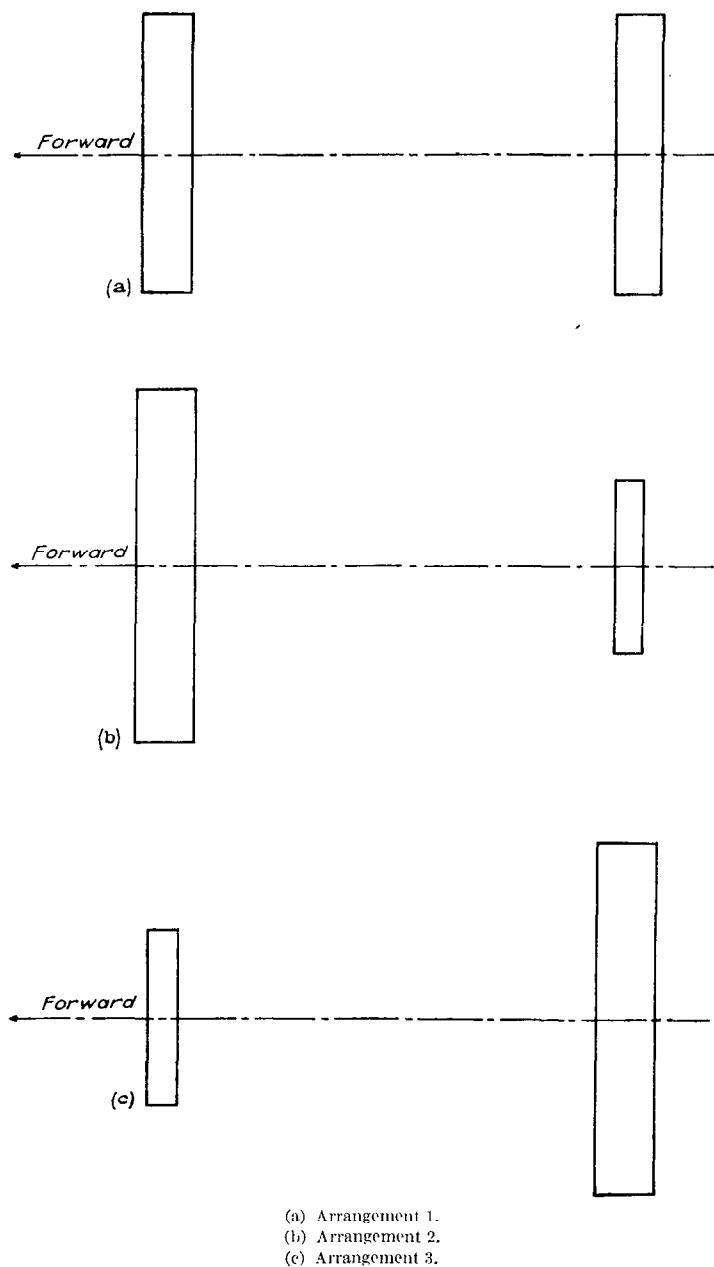


FIGURE 1.—Hydrofoil plan-form arrangements assumed.

The type of unstable motion occurring just outside the boundaries has been noted for each of the stable regions in figures 3 to 9; thus, for each stable region, center-of-gravity locations beyond the rear boundary lead to an unstable divergence, and in most cases unstable oscillations occur for locations beyond the front boundary. The rear boundary is always located farther to the rear of the front hydrofoil than would be the case for a similar pair of airfoils because of the additional damping introduced as a result of the sensitivity of the hydrofoils to depth of immersion.

In addition to the selection of a center-of-gravity location that lies within the stable region in order to meet the requirements for stability, certain supplementary practical factors must be considered. For example, negative lift on either hydrofoil should be avoided; otherwise momentary uncovering of the hydrofoil (as by a wave trough) will be followed by nosing-over if the rear hydrofoil is operating at negative lift, or nosing-up if the front hydrofoil is operating at

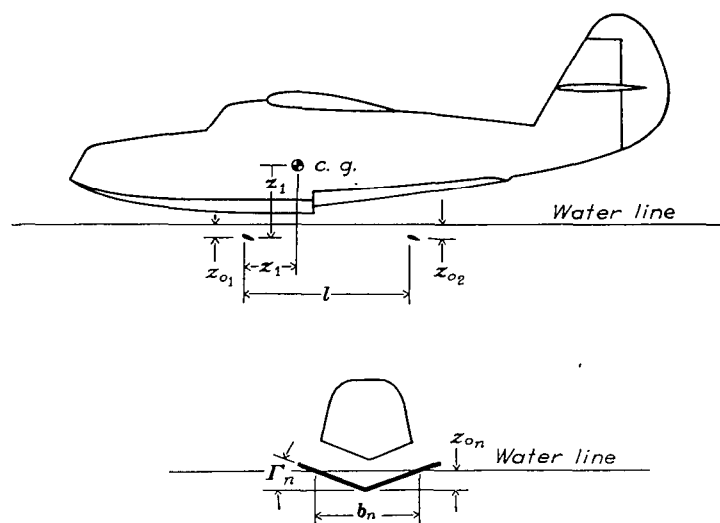


FIGURE 2.—Definition of symbols for a representative hydrofoil system.

negative lift. Furthermore, the longitudinal location of the center of gravity is also restricted by the maximum positive lift obtainable, and may be influenced by the desirability of operating the hydrofoils near their maximum lift-to-drag ratios. The net effect of such restrictions is to reduce the usable part of some of the computed stable regions shown in figures 3 to 9.

In the present study, where the effects of power are neglected, the vertical center-of-gravity location selected appears to be of secondary importance, low locations being somewhat advantageous. The effects of power, however, will undoubtedly have an important bearing on the choice of the vertical center-of-gravity location.

**Distribution of area.**—The effect of the distribution of area between the two hydrofoils on the extent of the stable region is shown in figure 3. The plan-form arrangements assumed for the three distributions treated are shown in figure 1. In arrangement 1 the hydrofoils were identical; in the other two arrangements the ratio of the distribution of area was 1:4 and the arrangements differed only in the location of the larger hydrofoil. All the arrangements had the same total hydrofoil area of 0.188 square foot. The horizontal distance between the assumed hydrodynamic centers of the hydrofoils for all arrangements was  $10.0c_1$ , where  $c_1$  is the chord for the arrangement with two equal hydrofoils, and the assumed hydrodynamic center was located at the quarter-chord point of the center section. All the hydrofoils were assumed to be immersed  $1.0c_1$  at the hydrodynamic center during the initial undisturbed motion.

Figure 3 shows that the configuration with the small surface ahead (arrangement 3) gave the largest useful stable region. The rearward extent of the stable region for the arrangement with two hydrofoils of equal area (arrangement 1) was considered adequate, however, and because this arrangement permitted certain simplifications in the calculations, it was used for the rest of the work. The configuration having the main surface ahead (arrangement 2) would, from theoretical considerations, be the most efficient arrangement for developing lift but has a considerably more limited range of stable center-of-gravity location than do the other arrangements.

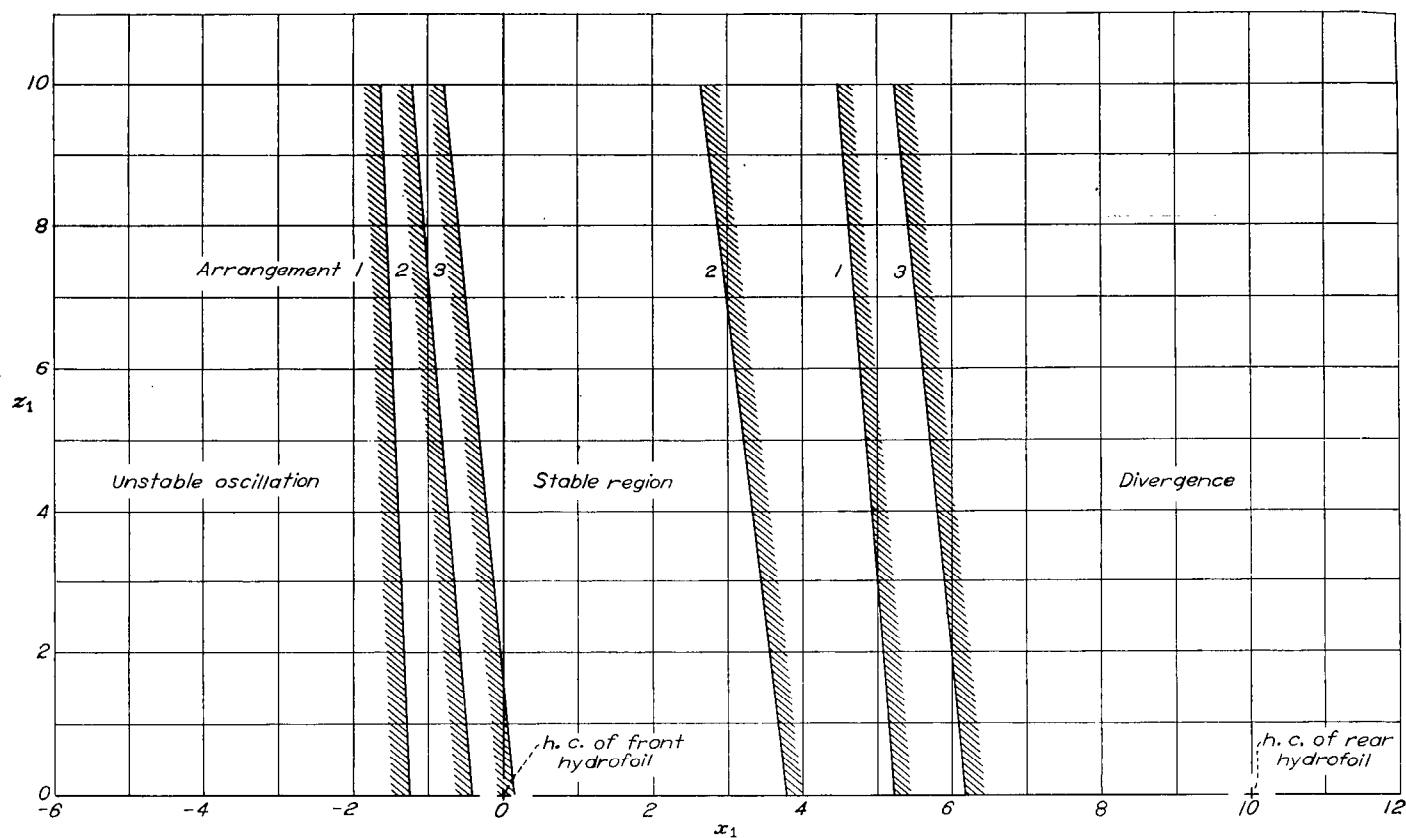


FIGURE 3.—Stable regions for three area distributions.  $\Gamma=0^\circ$ ;  $\epsilon=0$ ;  $l=10.0c_1$ ;  $z_o=1.00c_1$ ;  $K_Y=6.67c_1$ . (For this figure  $c_1$  is the chord for arrangement 1, in which the two hydrofoils are identical.)

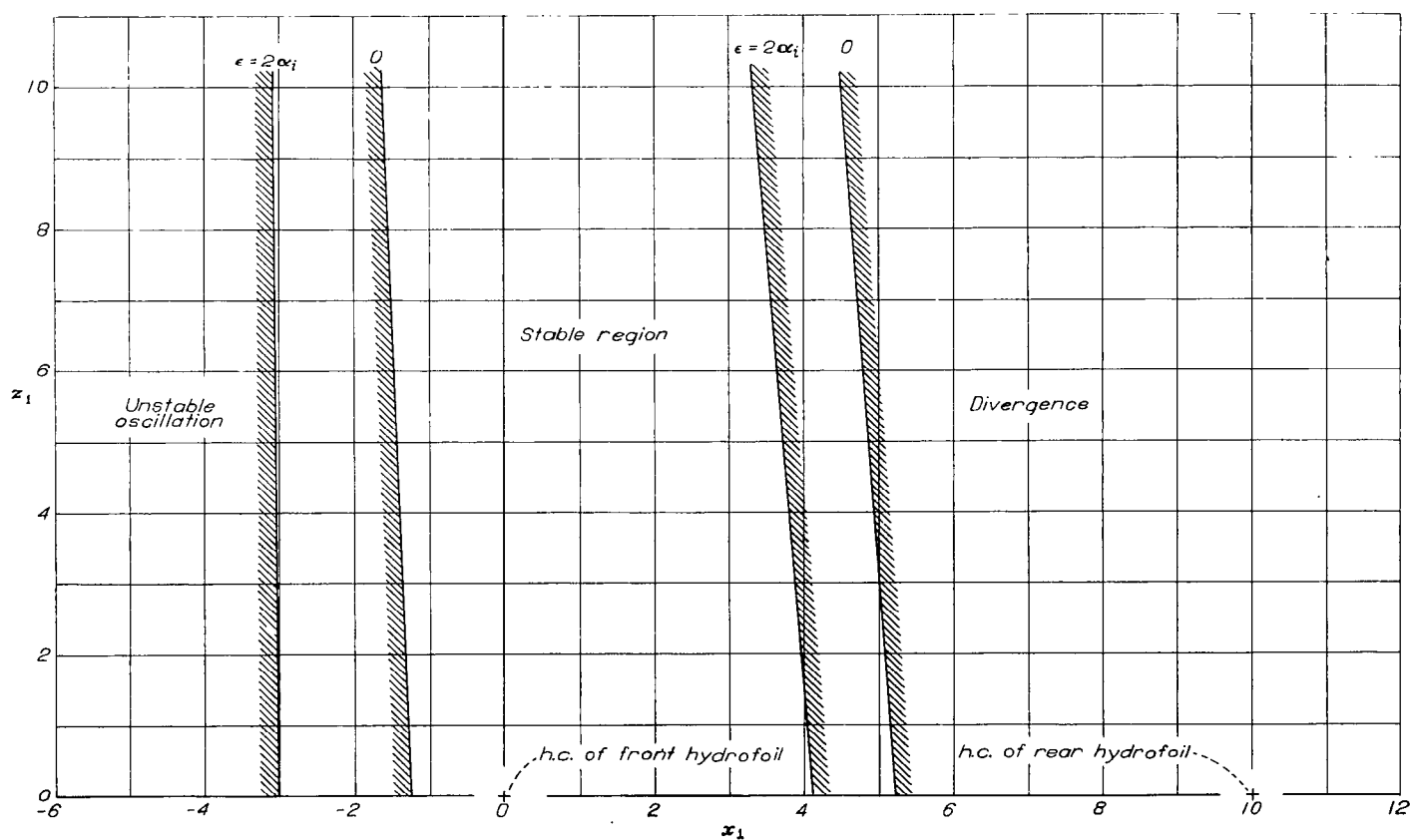


FIGURE 4.—Stable regions for two downwash angles.  $\Gamma=0^\circ$ ;  $S_2=S_1$ ;  $l=10.0c_1$ ;  $z_o=1.00c_1$ ;  $K_Y=6.67c_1$ .

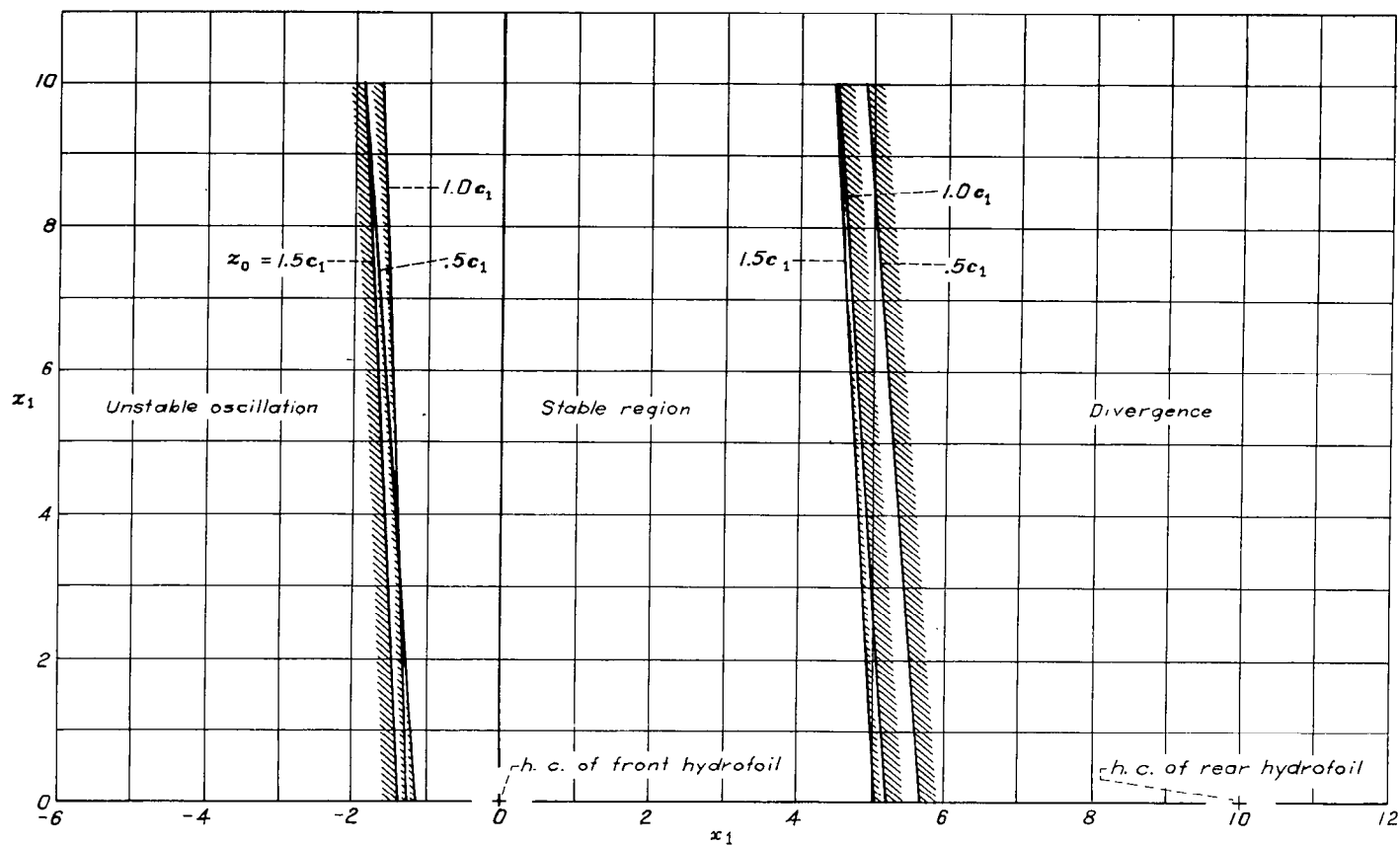


FIGURE 5.—Stable regions for three immersion depths.  $\Gamma=0^\circ$ ;  $S_2=S_1$ ;  $\epsilon=0$ ;  $l=10.0c_1$ ;  $K_f=6.67c_1$ .

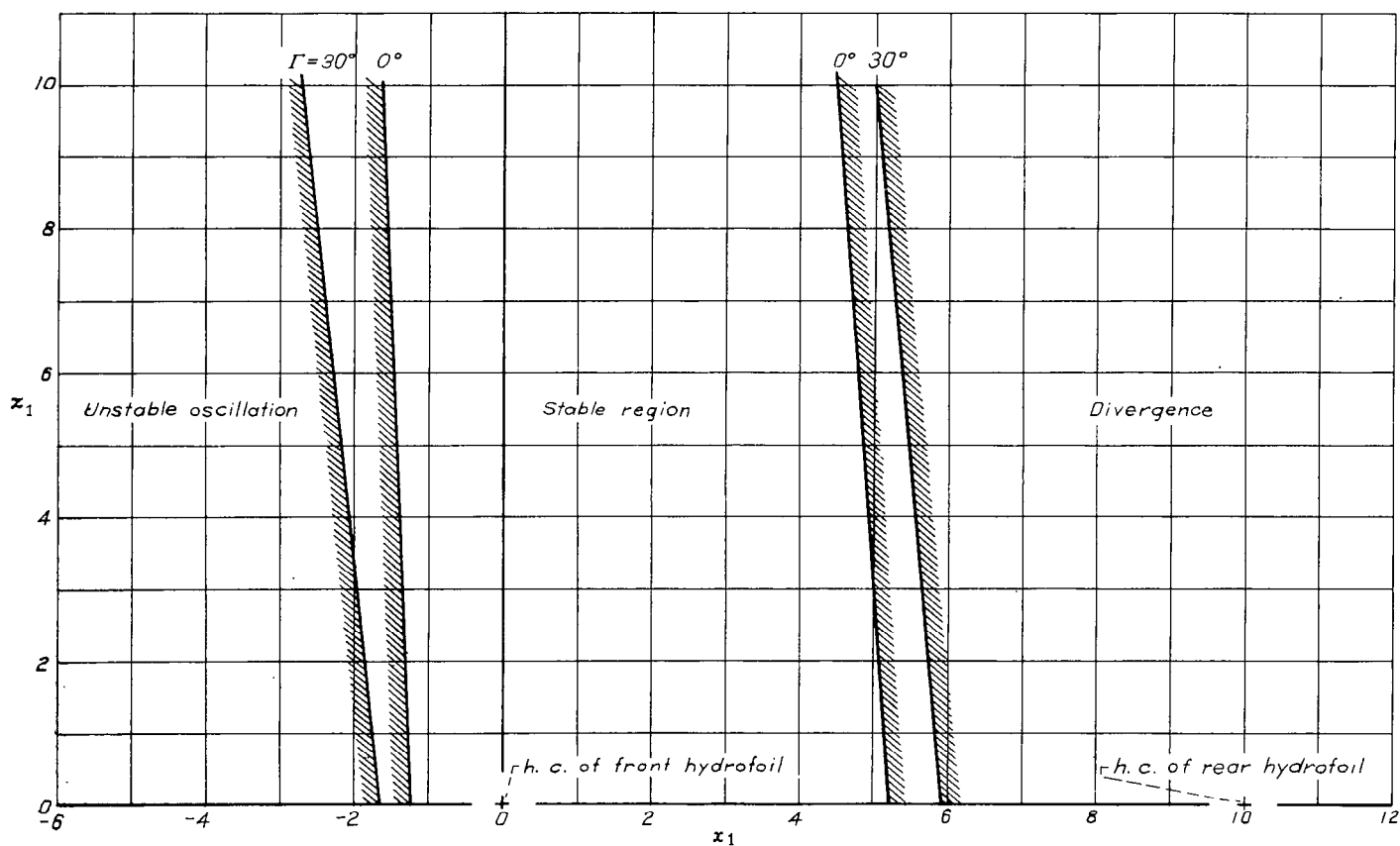


FIGURE 6.—Stable regions for two dihedral angles.  $S_2=S_1$ ;  $\epsilon=0$ ;  $l=10.0c_1$ ;  $z_0=1.00c_1$  for  $\Gamma=0^\circ$ , and  $1.74c_1$  for  $\Gamma=30^\circ$ ;  $K_f=6.67c_1$ .



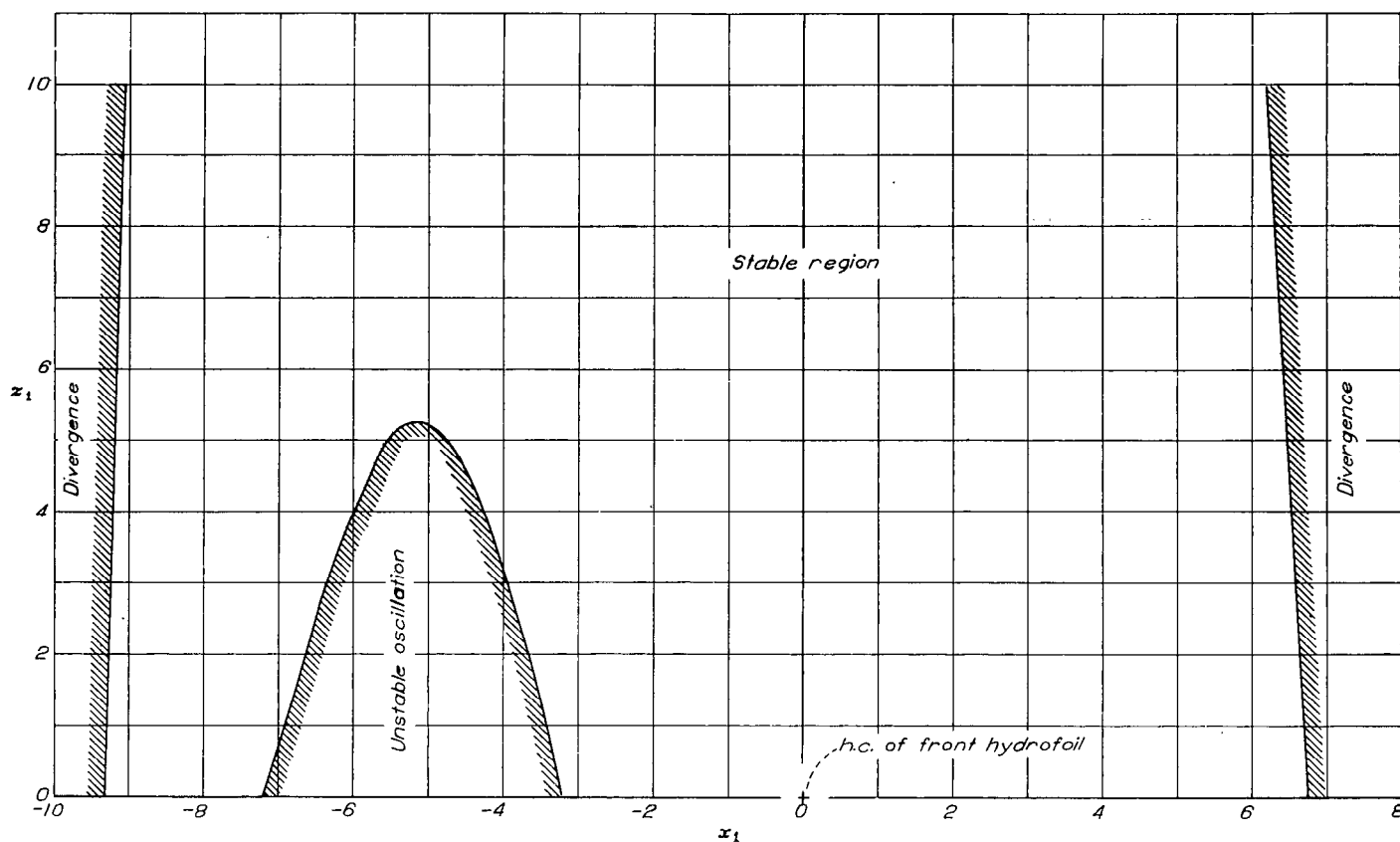


FIGURE 7.—Stable region with  $\partial C_L/\partial z'$  double that for  $\Gamma=30^\circ$ .  $S_2=S_1$ ;  $\epsilon=0$ ;  $l=10.0c_1$ ;  $K_Y=6.67c_1$ .

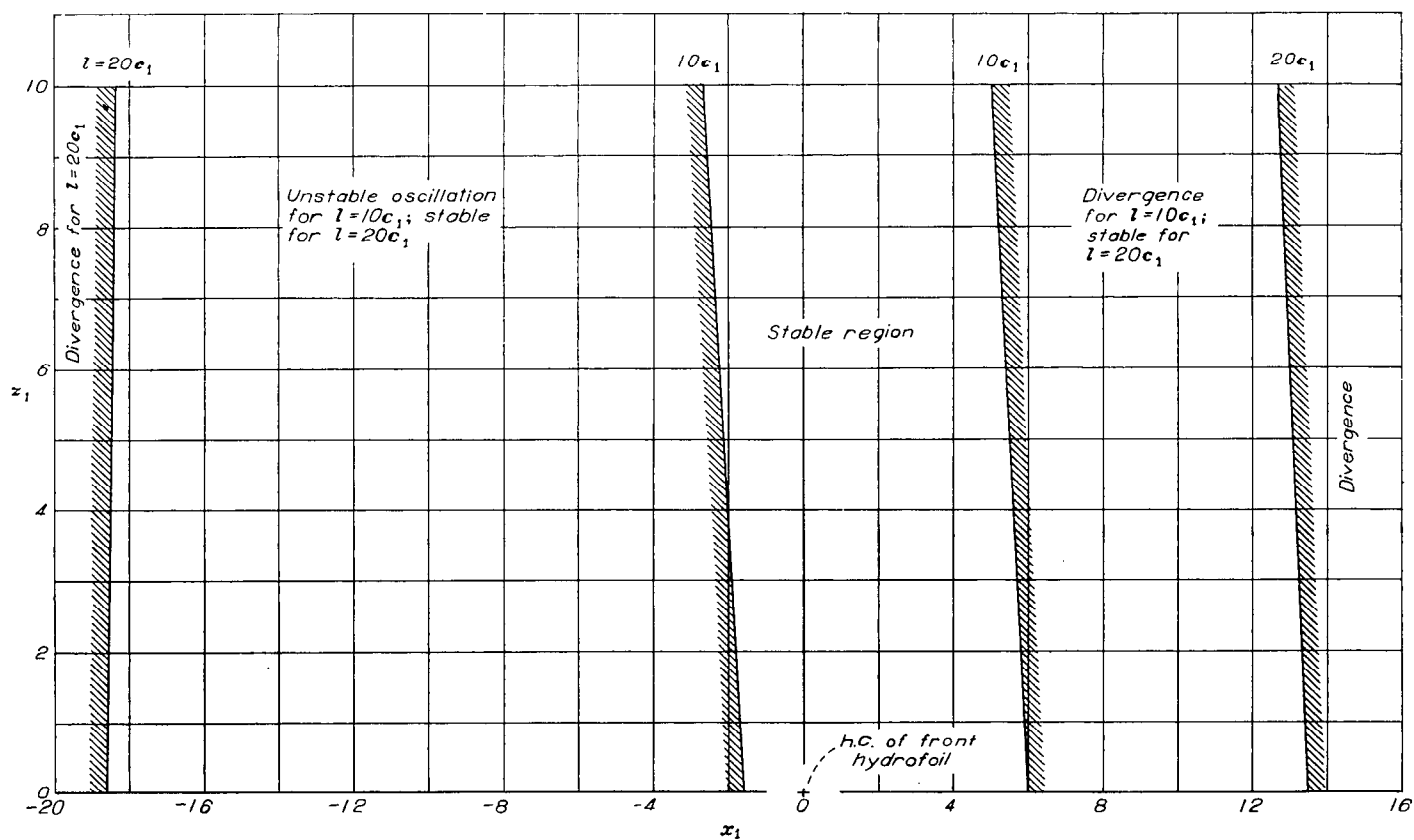


FIGURE 8.—Stable regions for two longitudinal spacings.  $\Gamma=30^\circ$ ;  $S_2=S_1$ ;  $\epsilon=0$ ;  $z_0=1.74c_1$ ;  $K_Y=6.67c_1$ .

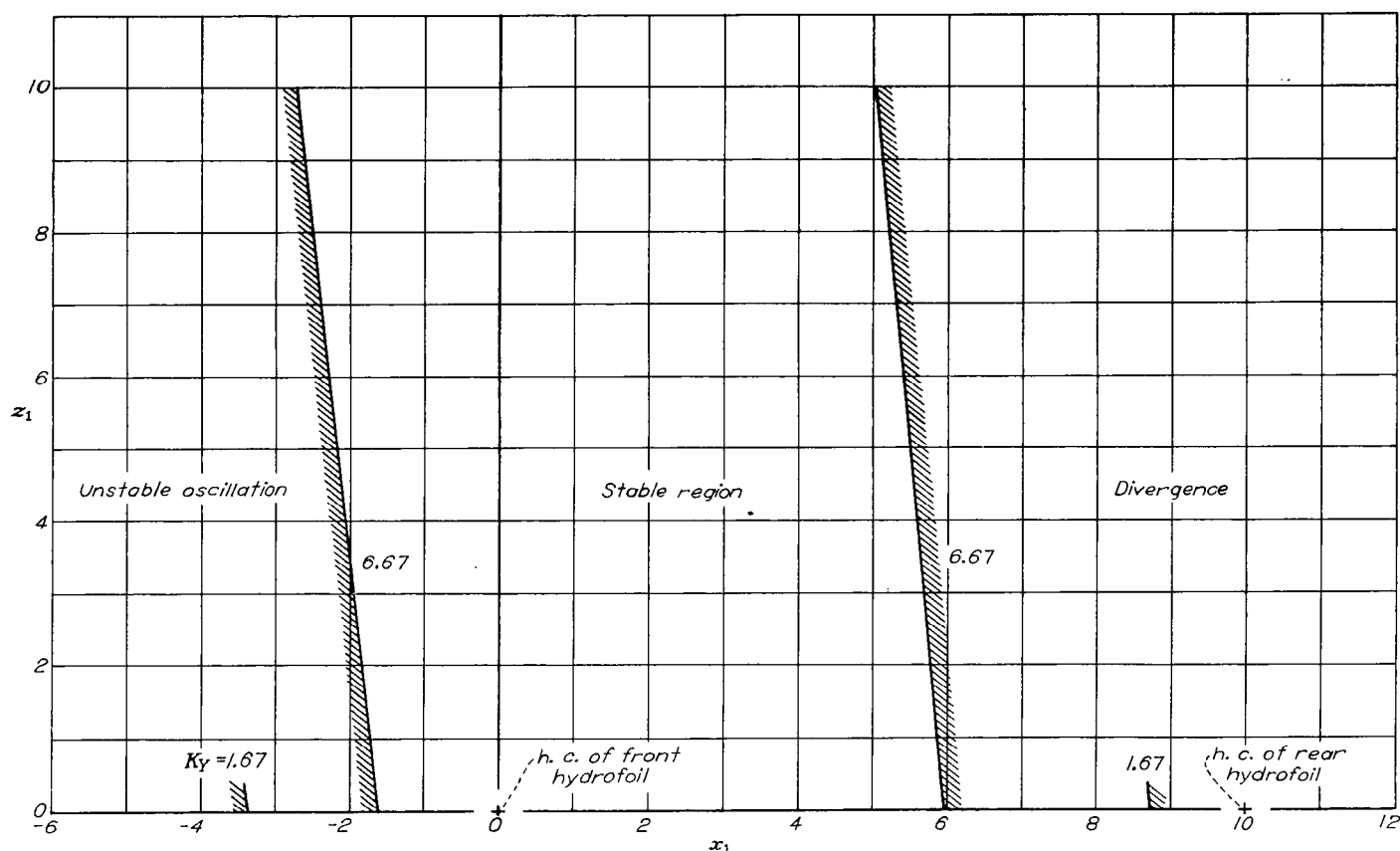


FIGURE 9.—Range of stable center-of-gravity location for two values of  $K_Y$ .  $\Gamma=30^\circ$ ;  $S_2=S_1$ ;  $\epsilon=0$ ;  $l=10.0c_1$ ;  $z_o=1.74c_1$ .

**Rate of change of downwash.**—In a tandem-hydrofoil system, the downward velocity produced in the fluid by the front hydrofoil reduces the effective angle of attack of the rear hydrofoil by the amount of the downwash angle  $\epsilon$ . The downwash angle is a function of the lift on the front hydrofoil and hence varies with angle of attack. The rate of change of downwash angle with angle of attack, which is the factor of interest from the standpoint of stability, will be represented by the symbol  $\epsilon_\alpha$ . The value of  $\epsilon_\alpha$  will probably be intermediate between zero and the theoretical ultimate maximum  $\epsilon_\alpha = \frac{2}{\pi A_1} \frac{\partial(C_L)_1}{\partial \alpha_1}$  but to determine the value accurately would require an investigation of downwash near a free surface. Corresponding limiting values of  $\epsilon$ , which are given instead of  $\epsilon_\alpha$  in the figures for the sake of brevity, are zero and twice the induced angle of attack  $\alpha_i$ . In order to show the influence of the rate of change of downwash on the nature of the stable region, computations were made for these two extremes, and the results for a system having two equal hydrofoils are shown in figure 4. An increase in the variation of downwash with  $\alpha$  shifts both boundaries forward without appreciably altering the size of the stable region.

The effect of downwash for the other hydrofoil arrangements was found to be similar to that indicated by figure 4 for the arrangement with two equal hydrofoils. Because there was no pronounced change in the size of the stable region with change in downwash, the condition of zero rate of change of downwash with  $\alpha$  was assumed in most of the remaining calculations.

The true boundaries of the stable region for the system

treated in figure 4 lie somewhere within the bands defined by the boundaries for  $\epsilon=0$  and  $\epsilon=2\alpha_i$ , but accurate definition of the boundaries requires that  $\epsilon$  be known. Conservative estimates will be obtained, when the value of  $\epsilon$  is not known, if the assumptions are made that  $\epsilon=2\alpha_i$  for computing the location of the rear boundary and that  $\epsilon=0$  for the front boundary.

**Depth of immersion.**—The lift and drag obtained from a hydrofoil depend upon the depth of immersion  $z_o$  of the hydrofoil in the water. Because appreciable change in the depth of immersion may occur under normal operating conditions, computations of the stable region were made for immersion depths of  $0.5c_1$ ,  $1.0c_1$ , and  $1.5c_1$ . (See fig. 5.) Limits of the stable region were not altered to any important extent by the assumed changes in the depth at which the hydrofoils operate.

**Dihedral angle.**—The effect on the stable region of increasing the dihedral angle  $\Gamma$  of the hydrofoils from  $0^\circ$  to  $30^\circ$  is shown in figure 6. Both the front and the rear boundaries of the stable region were affected by the dihedral in such a way that the increase in dihedral increased the size of the stable region.

Increasing the dihedral angle from  $0^\circ$  to  $30^\circ$  resulted in an associated increase in vertical damping. It appeared reasonable that the improved stability obtained by changing the dihedral might have resulted from this increased vertical damping; consequently the effect of arbitrarily increasing the vertical damping for the hydrofoils with a dihedral angle of  $0^\circ$  was studied and the results are discussed in the next section.

**Rate of change of lift with immersion.**—If the depth of immersion of a hydrofoil is changing, the lift is also changing, and the rate of change can be expressed by the vertical-damping derivative  $\partial C_L / \partial z'$ . It is believed that the increased stability which accompanied the increase in dihedral angle from  $0^\circ$  to  $30^\circ$  (discussed in the preceding section) may have been brought about by the resulting increase in the value of  $\partial C_L / \partial z'$ . Inasmuch as a further increase in dihedral angle would decrease the value of the derivative, an explanation of the increase in  $\partial C_L / \partial z'$  when the dihedral was changed from  $0^\circ$  to  $30^\circ$  may be of interest.

In order to avoid the mathematical difficulties of treating discontinuous derivatives the assumption was made in the present study, for the case of hydrofoils with dihedral, that a normally inactive part of the hydrofoil extended sufficiently far above the water surface to keep the hydrofoil from being completely immersed at any time during disturbed motion. (See fig. 2.) As a result of this assumption, hydrofoils with dihedral have a larger variation of lift with change in depth of immersion than do hydrofoils with  $0^\circ$  dihedral because of the increased area brought into action when the hydrofoil sinks deeper into the water. This variation in active area becomes greater as the dihedral angle becomes smaller.

The effect on the stable region of increasing the value of  $\partial C_L / \partial z'$  for each hydrofoil to twice the value that the hydrofoils had with  $30^\circ$  dihedral, but having other characteristics the same as for  $0^\circ$  dihedral, may be seen by comparing figures 6 and 7. Doubling the value of  $\partial C_L / \partial z'$  shifts the rear boundary of the stable region back considerably and produces pronounced changes in the front boundary. The former boundary for unstable oscillations now becomes an unstable "hump" in the region with a new front boundary ahead of the hump. The new forward boundary represents conditions for an unstable divergence, but the boundary is too far ahead of the front hydrofoil to be of any practical interest.

**Longitudinal hydrofoil spacing.**—The effect on the stable region of increasing the longitudinal spacing of the hydrofoils from  $10c_1$  to  $20c_1$  is shown in figure 8. The larger spacing results in a very large increase in the stable region and in the replacement of the front boundary that indicated unstable oscillations by a new front divergent boundary. The new front boundary is well ahead of the front hydrofoil, which is the practical limit of forward center-of-gravity location.

The absence of a boundary for oscillatory instability for the system with a spacing of  $20c_1$  suggests that the large amount of damping in pitching for this spacing, relative to the pitching radius of gyration  $K_Y$ , might result in overdamping and thus prevent the system from having any oscillatory motion. Calculations with  $K_Y$  reduced to give a similar relation between inertia and damping for the small spacing of  $10c_1$ , made to check the hypothesis, showed that oscillations were still obtained; thus, it appears that the absence of unstable oscillations for the larger spacing does not signify inability of the system to have transient oscillations.

The pronounced increase in the size of the stable region when the longitudinal spacing of the hydrofoils is increased indicates that a large spacing is desirable in order to minimize the effects of unavoidable changes in center-of-gravity

location encountered in practice. In a previous section entitled "Distribution of area," a spacing of  $10c_1$  was used in the calculations made to study the effects of distribution of area. If a larger spacing had been used, it would possibly have resulted in a sufficient gain in the size of the stable region for the arrangement with the large hydrofoil forward to make this configuration of practical value.

**Radius of gyration in pitching.**—The marked increase in permissible horizontal center-of-gravity movement when  $K_Y$  is reduced is indicated in figure 9, where the stable range of horizontal center-of-gravity location is shown for zero vertical elevation of the center of gravity with  $K_Y$  reduced to one-fourth the value used previously. The pronounced effects of reducing  $K_Y$  indicate that increased values of  $K_Y$ , which are more likely to be used, should receive attention because of possible adverse effects on the characteristics of the longitudinal motions.

#### EFFECT OF PARAMETERS ON STABILITY ROOTS

When the equations of motion are solved, the motion is obtained as the sum of a series of components called modes. Stability roots, which indicate the degree of stability of the various modes, can also be obtained from the equations of motion without effecting a complete solution of the equations. A more detailed discussion of the significance of the stability roots is contained in the appendix of reference 4. Information obtained from the stability roots is most useful when the relative magnitude or importance of the various modes is known, because the roots then provide a clue to the nature of the complete motion.

In the present analysis, four stability roots  $\lambda$  are obtained from the longitudinal equations of motion and are distinguished by the subscripts 1 to 4. The nature of the roots changes with variations in the parameters of the hydrofoil system. A typical variation in the real parts of the roots is shown in figure 10 (a). In general, when the magnitudes of any two real roots become equal, the two real roots are replaced by a conjugate pair of complex roots, each having the same magnitude for the real part. Thus, such pairs of complex roots in figure 10 (a) are indicated by a double line and an appropriate modification of the subscript. The magnitude of the real part for such complex pairs of roots should be read off the plots at the center of the double line.

For every real root obtained from the equations of motion the complete solution will contain an aperiodic mode, or component, of the motion. Likewise, for every pair of complex roots the motion will contain an oscillatory component. When the magnitude of the real part of any of the roots passes through zero, the motion becomes unstable.

**Horizontal center-of-gravity location.**—The effect of changing the horizontal location of the center of gravity on the real parts of the stability roots is shown in figure 10 (a) for a system of two equal hydrofoils with  $30^\circ$  dihedral. For center-of-gravity locations ahead of the hydrodynamic center of the front hydrofoil, two real roots  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  and a pair of complex roots  $\lambda_{3,4}$  exist. When the center of gravity is  $2.16c_1$  ahead of the front hydrofoil the  $\lambda_{3,4}$  roots are unstable, which indicates that the center of gravity has reached the forward boundary of the stable region. As the center of

gravity is moved rearward, the stability slowly improves for the oscillatory component of the motion represented by the  $\lambda_{3,4}$  roots. Meanwhile the magnitudes of the  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  roots approach each other and become equal when the center of gravity is about  $1.5c_1$  behind the front hydrofoil. With farther rearward movement of the center of gravity the roots are coupled as two oscillations represented by  $\lambda_{1,2}$  and  $\lambda_{3,4}$ . When the center of gravity is moved back to the vicinity of  $4.5c_1$  behind the front hydrofoil rather rapid changes in coupling occur, which finally result in a real root  $\lambda_1$  with a large amount of damping, a complex pair  $\lambda_{2,3}$  with moderate damping, and a real root  $\lambda_4$  with slight damping. When the center of gravity is moved back to a point  $5.49c_1$  behind the front hydrofoil, the magnitude of the  $\lambda_4$  root becomes zero and the rear boundary of the stable region has been reached.

The behavior of the roots as the horizontal location of the center of gravity is changed indicates that the type of motion caused by disturbances will be considerably influenced by the longitudinal location of the center of gravity.

**Rate of change of downwash.**—The effect on the stability roots of assuming the downwash angle  $\epsilon$  to be  $2\alpha_i$  instead of zero can be seen from a comparison of figures 10 (a) and 10 (b). No pronounced change in the roots occurred with variation in  $\epsilon_\alpha$ , except for a shift of the pattern of root couplings with respect to the horizontal center-of-gravity location; this result is consistent with indications obtained earlier from a study of the influence of  $\epsilon_\alpha$  on the stable

region. Hence, for the rest of the work the value of  $\epsilon_\alpha$  was assumed to be zero.

**Dihedral.**—The influence on the stability roots of changing the dihedral angle from  $30^\circ$  to  $0^\circ$  is evident when figure 10 (a) is compared with figure 10 (c). The difference in the rate at which the  $\lambda_{2,3}$  oscillation develops with rearward center-of-gravity movement for the two dihedral angles accounts for the different appearance of the right side of the diagram in the two figures. The most important feature disclosed by the comparison is the improvement, brought about by the use of dihedral, in damping of the component of motion involving the root  $\lambda_4$  or the complex pair  $\lambda_{3,4}$ .

**Vertical center-of-gravity location.**—Figures 10 (d) and 10 (e) together with figure 10 (a) show the effect on the stability roots of varying the vertical center-of-gravity location from a point on a level with the hydrofoils to a point  $10c_1$  above the hydrofoils. As had been indicated by the diagrams of the stable regions, no pronounced changes occur in the nature of the roots when the vertical center-of-gravity location is shifted.

**Rate of change of lift with immersion.**—The effect on the stability roots of making the value of  $\partial C_L / \partial z'$  twice that for  $30^\circ$  dihedral is evident if figure 10 (f) is contrasted to figure 10 (a). Doubling the vertical-damping derivative caused marked improvement in the  $\lambda_{3,4}$  oscillation, which suggests that the similar improvement in damping obtained by increasing the dihedral angle from  $0^\circ$  to  $30^\circ$  was a result of the associated increase in the value of  $\partial C_L / \partial z'$ .

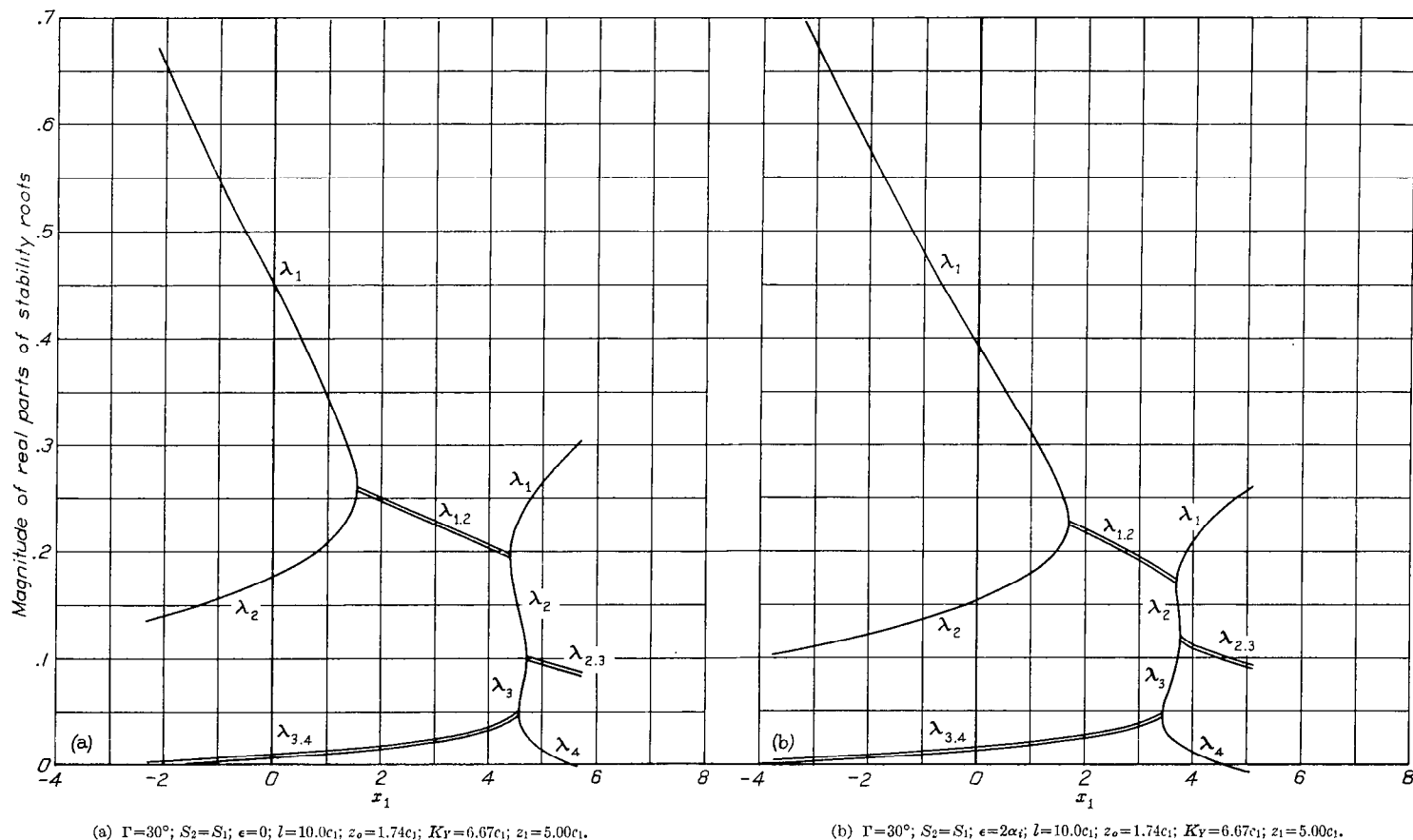


FIGURE 10.—Variation of real parts of stability roots with  $x_1$ .

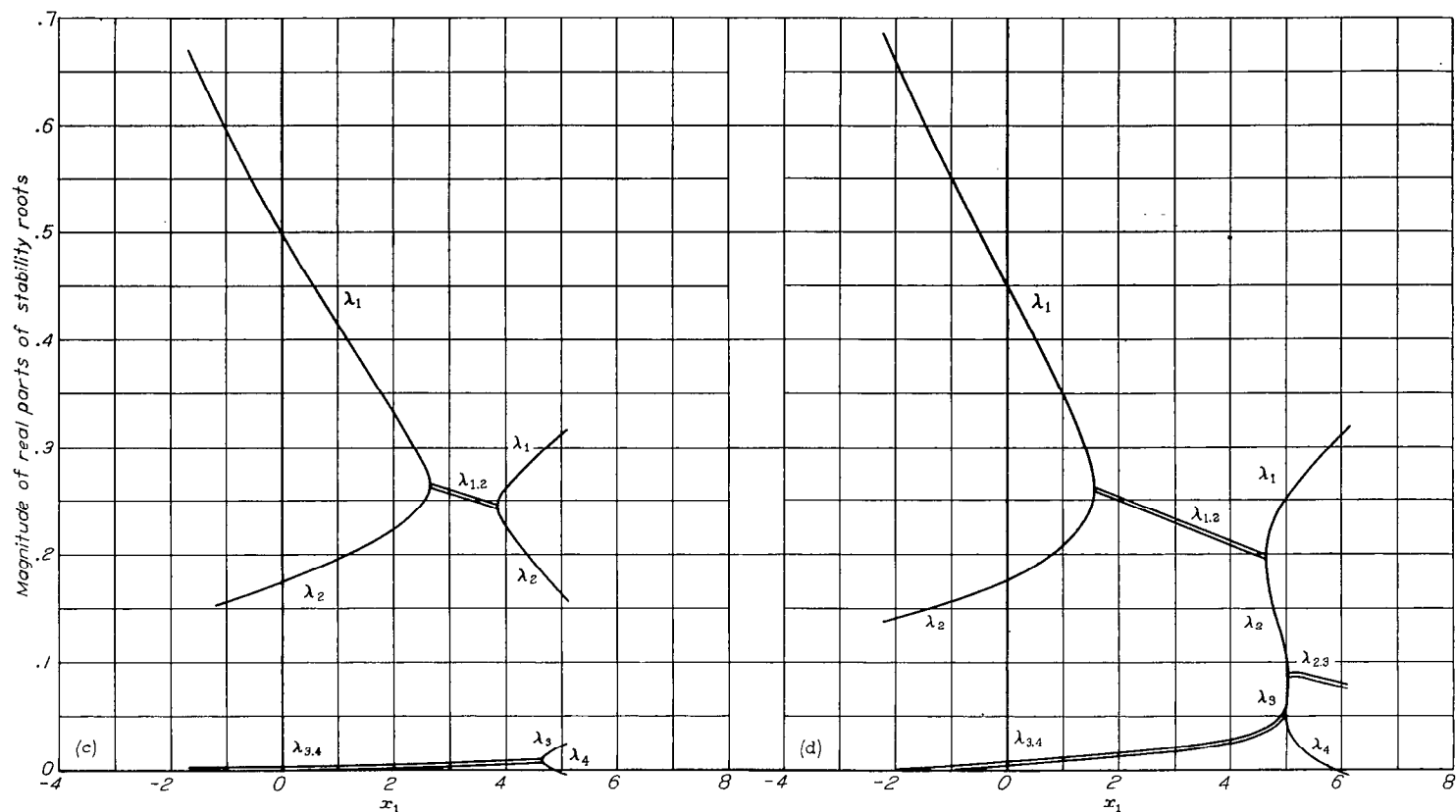


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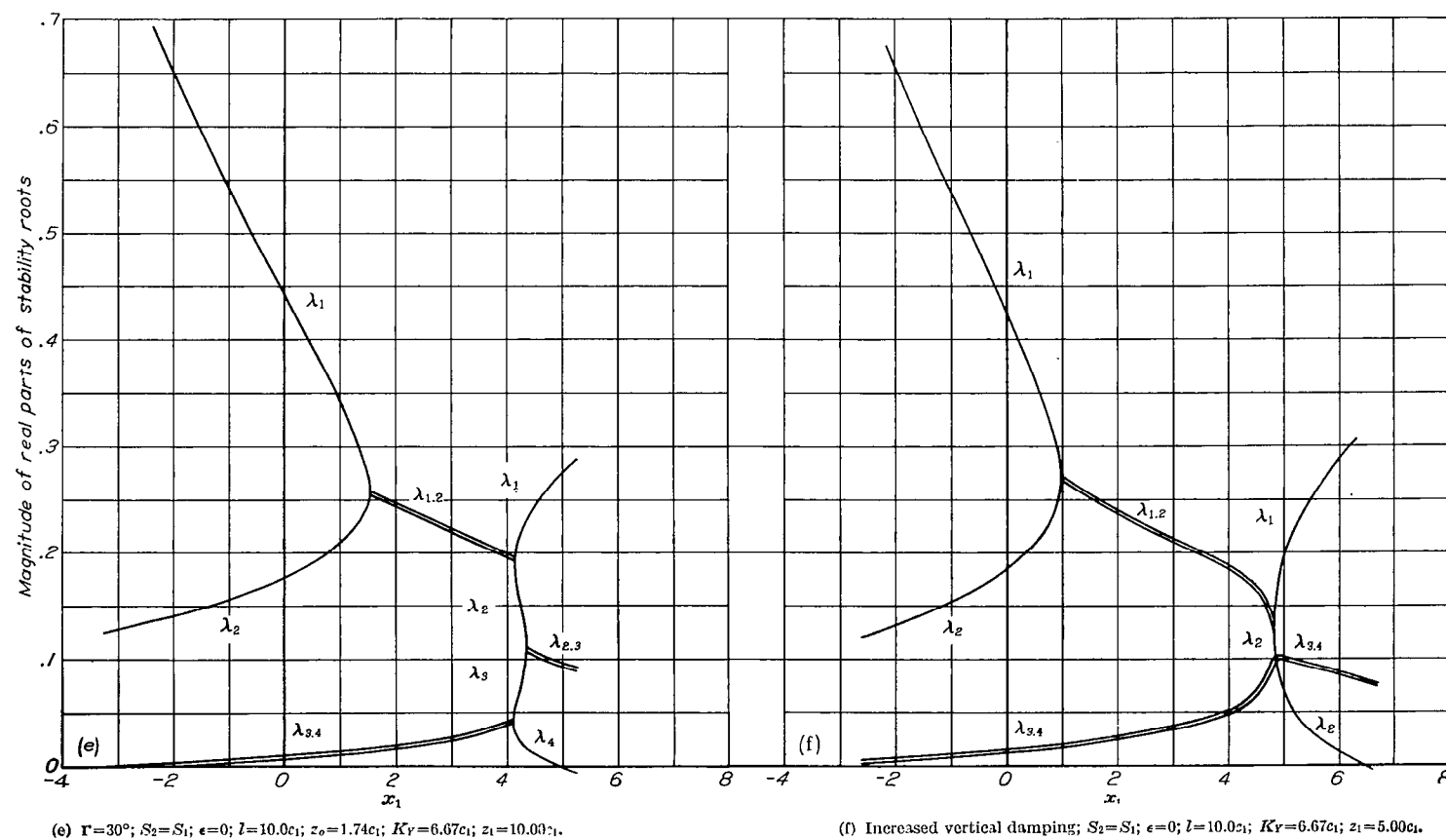


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## EFFECT OF PARAMETERS ON INDICIAL RESPONSES

An indicial response is the motion resulting from a unit force or moment suddenly applied to the hydrofoil system at zero time and held constant thereafter. The indicial responses are of interest because they are of the same general character as the motions produced by types of disturbance that are likely to be encountered in practice.

The longitudinal equations of motion (equations (9)) involve three variables; hence three indicial responses are necessary to define the motion caused by any specific unit disturbance. The three indicial responses may be conveniently represented by the symbols  $\alpha_z$ ,  $z'_z$ , and  $\theta_z$  for the change in angle of attack, vertical position, and angle of pitch, respectively, when the motion is caused by the sudden application of a unit  $C_z$  force to the hydrofoil system. Similarly  $\alpha_m$ ,  $z'_m$ , and  $\theta_m$  are the response factors for a sudden unit  $C_m$  disturbance.

The indicial responses are functions of nondimensional time  $s_c$ , typical variations of which are shown in figure 11. The magnitude of disturbances actually encountered, when expressed in coefficient form, will usually be considerably less than unity; consequently, the actual motions experienced will be of proportionately smaller magnitude than the indicial

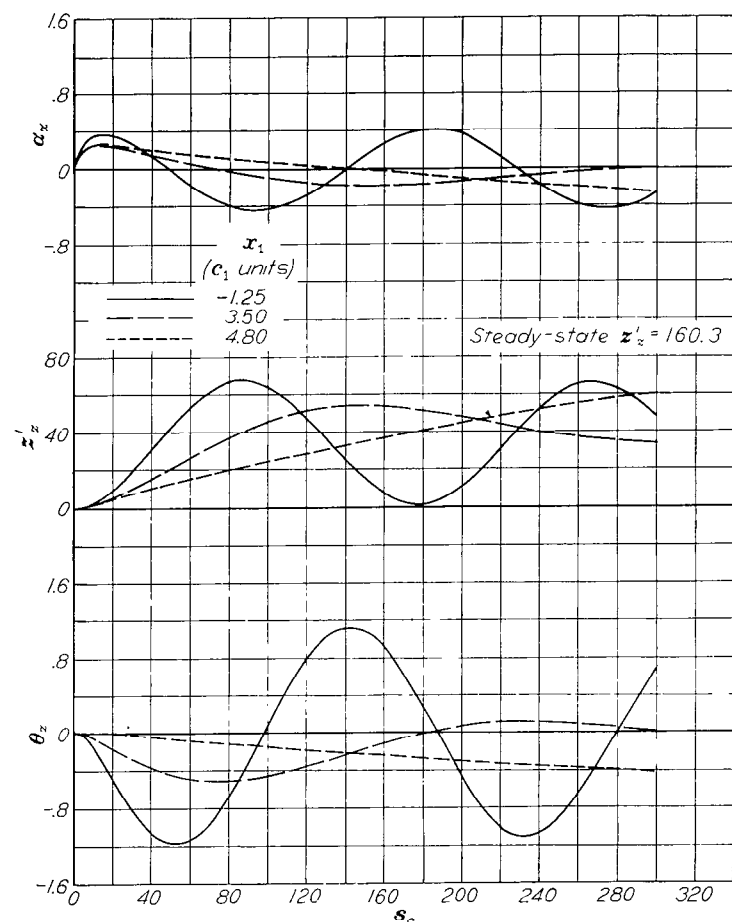


FIGURE 11.—Indicial responses for unit  $C_z$  disturbance.  $\Gamma=0^\circ$ ;  $S_2=S_1$ ;  $\epsilon=0$ ;  $l=10.0c$ ;  $z_0=1.00c$ ;  $K\gamma=6.67c$ ;  $z_1=5.00c$ ;  $x_1=-1.25c$ ,  $3.50c$ , or  $4.80c$ .

responses presented but will have the same type of variation with time. Values of the indicial responses after the disturbance has been absorbed by the system and new steady-state equilibrium conditions have been reached are represented by short horizontal lines at the right side of the plots. Such steady-state values are not only new equilibrium conditions for sudden disturbances but also represent new trim conditions after gradual changes in the load condition, such as would result from the use of fuel.

**Horizontal center-of-gravity location.**—Indicial responses for a unit  $C_z$  disturbance applied to a system of two equal hydrofoils with zero dihedral are plotted against nondimensional time in figure 11 for several horizontal locations of the center of gravity. Values of  $x_1$  used in figure 11 were selected to give center-of-gravity locations covering all the types of root coupling shown in figure 10 (c). If the center-of-gravity locations used in figure 11 are noted on the diagram of the corresponding stable region (see fig. 3), the following points are evident:

- (1) A center-of-gravity location near the front boundary of the stable region is conducive to motions characterized by pronounced oscillations.
- (2) A more rearward location of the center of gravity reduces the prominence of the oscillations but increases the ultimate deviation from the attitude that existed before the disturbance.
- (3) For center-of-gravity locations near the rear boundary, no discernible oscillation is noted, but very large departures from the initial condition occur.

Comparison of the maximum deviations for the three center-of-gravity locations of figure 11 shows that, during the interval of time covered by the curves, the smallest amplitude of motion of the hydrofoil system occurs for the case with the center of gravity back 35 percent of the distance  $l$  between the two hydrofoils. The deviation caused by a given disturbance rapidly becomes greater as the center of gravity is moved back of the optimum location, with the result that for such rearward locations a very slight disturbance would bring the hydrofoils to the surface or cause them to sink very deep into the water. Location of the center of gravity any appreciable distance ahead of the optimum location appears undesirable because of the pronounced oscillatory motions involved. Such motions would be both uncomfortable and difficult to control.

Indicial responses for a unit  $C_m$  disturbance, for the same conditions as for figure 11, are plotted in figure 12. The discussion of the effect of change in horizontal center-of-gravity location on the indicial responses for a unit  $C_z$  disturbance also applies for a unit  $C_m$  disturbance, with the exception that the amplitudes of the motions are least for the most forward center-of-gravity location considered, instead of for the middle location. The oscillations are much more persistent, however, for the forward location than for the middle location.

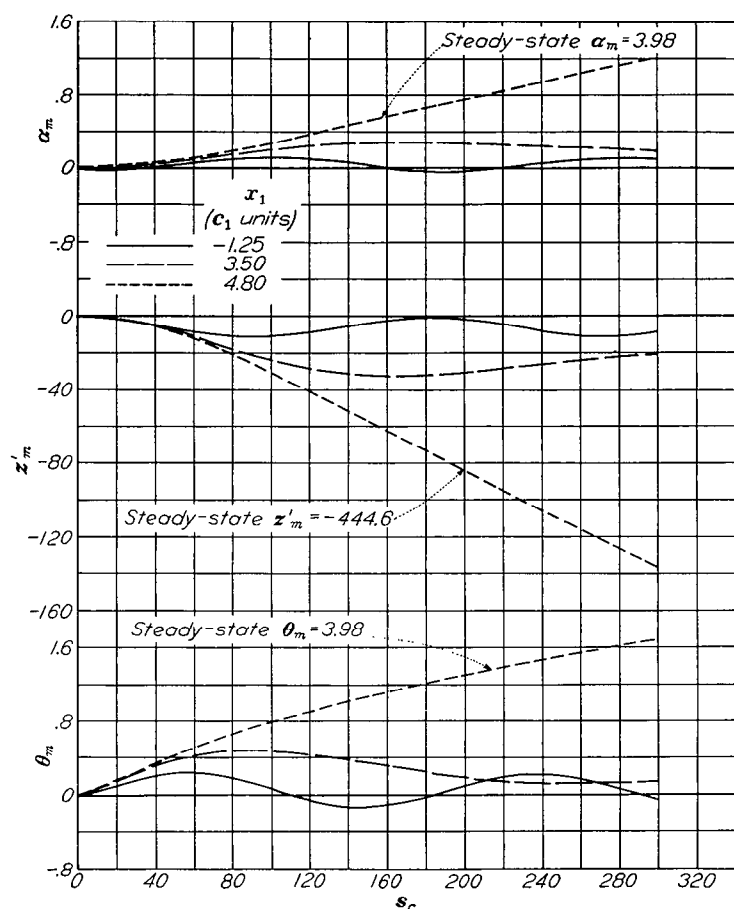


FIGURE 12.—Indicial responses for unit  $C_m$  disturbance.  $\Gamma=0^\circ$ ;  $S_2=S_1$ ;  $\epsilon=0$ ;  $l=10.0c_1$ ;  $z_0=1.00c_1$ ;  $K_Y=6.67c_1$ ;  $z_1=5.00c_1$ ;  $x_1=-1.25c_1, 3.50c_1$ , or  $4.80c_1$ .

Because of the large response factors involved for either type of disturbance, even when the best center-of-gravity location is selected, motions for hydrofoils with no dihedral will involve large amplitudes whenever a slight disturbance is encountered; hence, it appears evident that such a type of hydrofoil will not give satisfactory performance. This conclusion applies only to the arrangement investigated, where the hydrofoils always remain completely submerged; and it should not be extended to cover ladder arrangements, for which a change in effective area with immersion depth produces effects similar to those for partly immersed hydrofoils with dihedral.

**Dihedral angle.**—The effect on the indicial responses of increasing the dihedral angle from  $0^\circ$  to  $30^\circ$  may be obtained by a comparison of figures 13 and 11 for a unit  $C_z$  disturbance, and of figures 14 and 12 for a unit  $C_m$  disturbance. The figures indicate that the effect on the nature of the motions of changing the horizontal center-of-gravity location is much the same as that indicated in the preceding parts of the present paper. Thus, the most desirable center-of-gravity location appears to be about  $3.50c_1$  back of the front hydrofoil, as in the case for  $0^\circ$  dihedral angle. At any

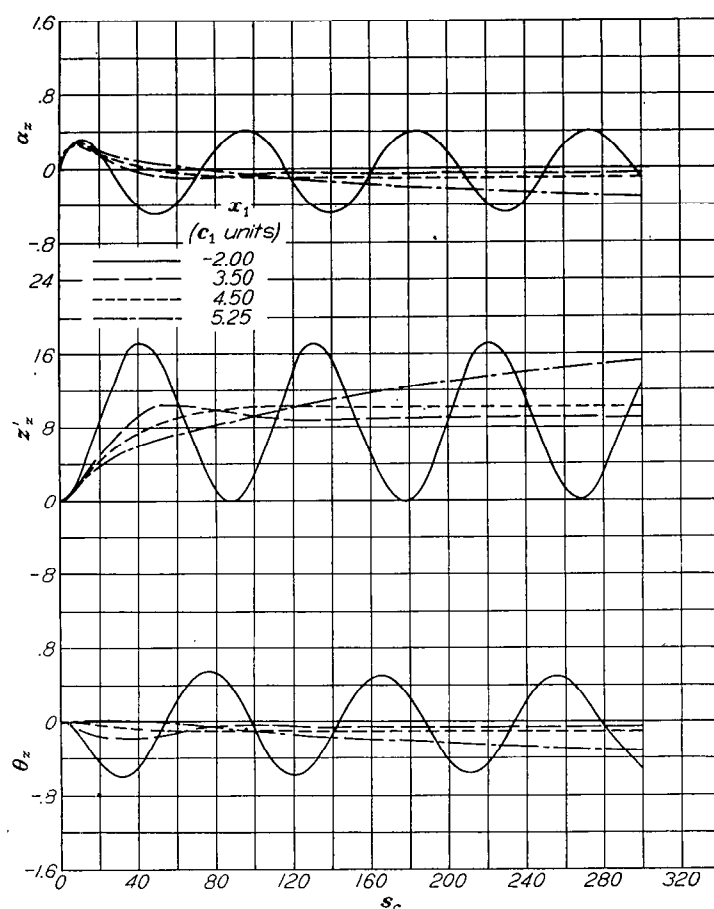


FIGURE 13.—Indicial responses for unit  $C_z$  disturbance.  $\Gamma=30^\circ$ ;  $S_2=S_1$ ;  $\epsilon=0$ ;  $l=10.0c_1$ ;  $z_0=1.74c_1$ ;  $K_Y=6.67c_1$ ;  $z_1=5.00c_1$ ;  $x_1=-2.00c_1, 3.50c_1, 4.50c_1$ , or  $5.25c_1$ .

particular horizontal location of the center of gravity, the increase in dihedral causes an appreciable reduction in the indicial responses. The reduced sensitivity to disturbances when the dihedral angle was increased from  $0^\circ$  to  $30^\circ$  may have been a result of the corresponding increase in vertical damping. In such a case, as mentioned in the discussion of stable regions, a further increase in dihedral would have an effect opposite to that caused by this initial increase in dihedral.

**Rate of change of lift with immersion.**—The effect of varying the rate of change of lift with immersion on the indicial responses for a unit  $C_z$  disturbance may be seen from a comparison of figures 11, 13, and 15. Figures 11 and 13 give the indicial responses for hydrofoils with dihedral angles of  $0^\circ$  and  $30^\circ$ , respectively; whereas for figure 15 the rate of change of lift with immersion is assumed to have a value twice that for hydrofoils of  $30^\circ$  dihedral angle but to have other hydrofoil characteristics the same as for  $0^\circ$  dihedral angle. If the case for the center of gravity at  $3.50c_1$  is selected in each of the figures, comparison shows the direct relation between good riding characteristics and a large value of  $\partial C_L / \partial z'$ . It appears, therefore, that a large value

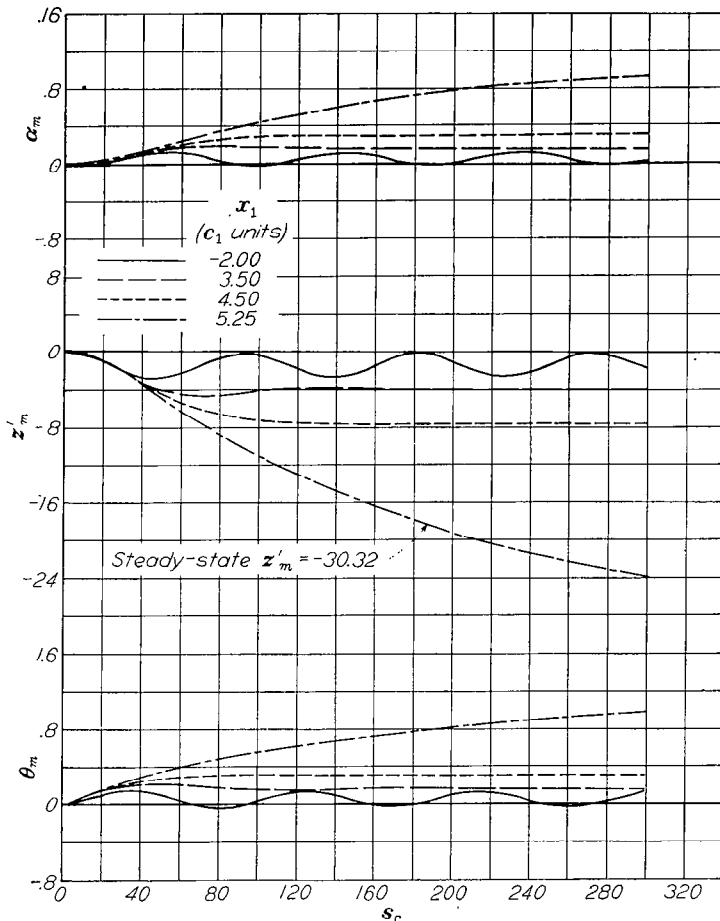


FIGURE 14.—Indicial responses for unit  $C_m$  disturbance.  $\Gamma=30^\circ$ ;  $S_2=S_1$ ;  $\epsilon=0$ ;  $l=10.0c_1$ ;  $z_0=1.74c_1$ ;  $K\Gamma=6.67c_1$ ;  $z_1=5.00c_1$ ;  $x_1=-2.00c_1, 3.50c_1, 4.50c_1$ , or  $5.25c_1$ .

of  $\partial C_L / \partial z'$  should be attained by the use of arrangements such as hydrofoils with dihedral for which the effective area changes with immersion depth, or by the use of some device that changes the angle of attack when the height varies. Figure 16 gives data corresponding to the data of figure 15 but with a unit  $C_m$  disturbance assumed. Results for the several center-of-gravity locations assumed in figures 15 and 16 indicate the same influence of horizontal center-of-gravity location on the motions as has been shown by the computations summarized in figure 12.

**Longitudinal hydrofoil spacing.**—Indicial responses for either a unit  $C_z$  disturbance or a unit  $C_m$  disturbance applied to a system of two equal hydrofoils spaced  $20c_1$  are given in figure 17 (a). The horizontal center-of-gravity location in figure 17 (a) is at  $0.35l$ , which is the same percentage of  $l$  that was used in figures 13 and 14, and other conditions are also the same as for figures 13 and 14. Figure 17 (b) gives data similar to the data of figure 17 (a) except that the spacing has been increased to  $100c_1$ . Comparison of figures 13, 14, and 17 indicates that increasing the hydrofoil spacing tends to increase the restraint in pitching and thus reduces the response in all degrees of freedom for pitching-moment disturbances, and in all but vertical motions for  $Z$ -force disturbances. The effect of increasing the hydrofoil spacing

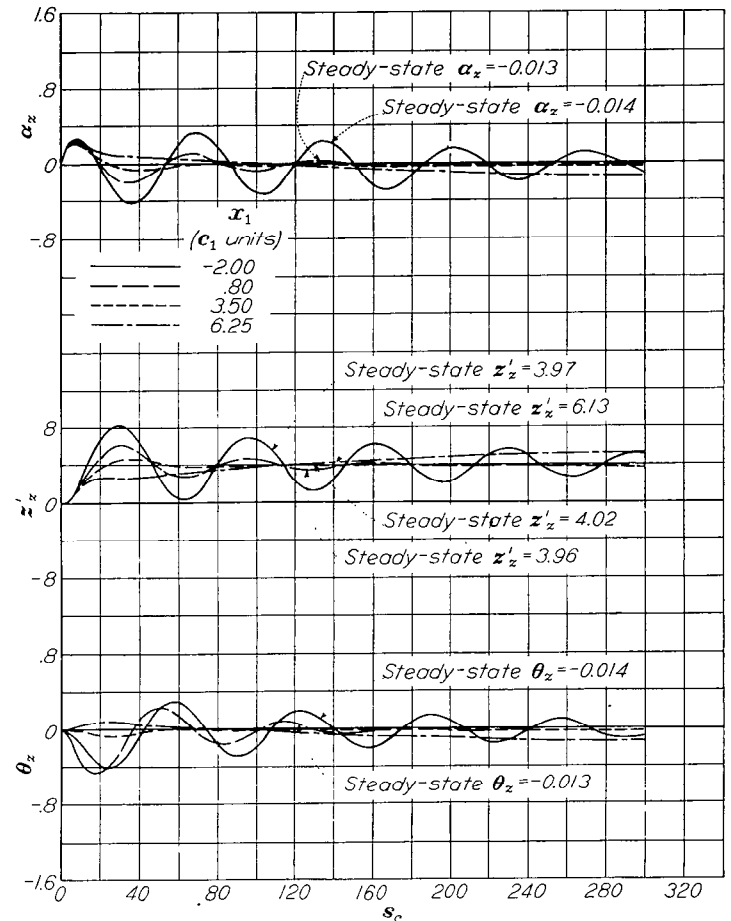


FIGURE 15.—Indicial responses for unit  $C_z$  disturbance.  $\partial C_L / \partial z'$  double that for  $\Gamma=30^\circ$ ;  $S_2=S_1$ ;  $\epsilon=0$ ;  $l=10.0c_1$ ;  $K\Gamma=6.67c_1$ ;  $z_1=5.00c_1$ ;  $x_1=-2.00c_1, 0.80c_1, 3.50c_1$ , or  $6.25c_1$ .

on the motions suggests that the spacing should be as large as is practical in order to reduce the response to a given disturbance. Figure 18 shows the significance of  $10c_1$ ,  $20c_1$ , and  $100c_1$  spacings if the hydrofoil systems were attached to a typical flying boat.

#### LATERAL MOTIONS

Lateral stability for flying boats has not generally been a serious problem up to the present time; hence the present investigation of the lateral characteristics of hydrofoils was brief and made chiefly to check the lateral stability of typical hydrofoil arrangements assumed in much of the study of longitudinal stability.

In the present investigation all the lateral-stability calculations were made for a hydrofoil system consisting of two identical hydrofoils of rectangular plan form, each having rectangular tips,  $30^\circ$  dihedral, and an aspect ratio of 6. The center of gravity was assumed to have a horizontal location  $0.35l$  behind the hydrodynamic center of the front hydrofoil. The rate of change of downwash at the rear hydrofoil was assumed to be zero. The mass of the hydrofoil system was the same as that assumed for the investigation of longitudinal stability. The study was confined to what was considered the idealized case, where the supporting



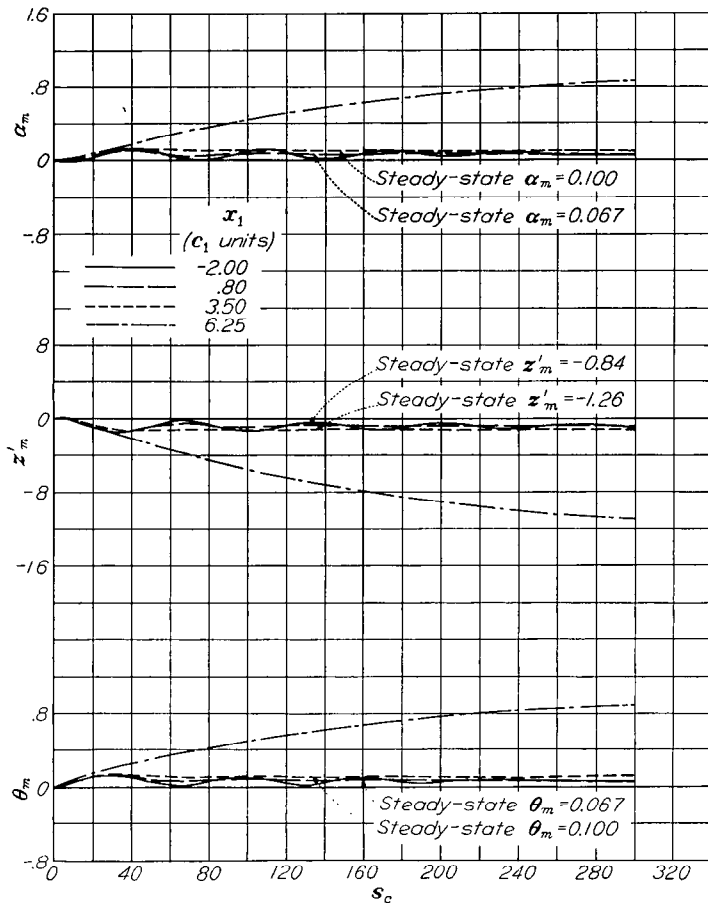


FIGURE 16.—Indicial responses for unit  $C_m$  disturbance.  $\partial C_L/\partial z'$  double that for  $\Gamma=30^\circ$ ;  $S_2=S_1$ ;  $\epsilon=0$ ;  $l=10.0c_1$ ;  $K_Y=6.67c_1$ ;  $z_1=5.00c_1$ ;  $z_1=-2.00c_1, 0.80c_1, 3.50c_1$ , or  $6.25c_1$ .

struts have no influence on the characteristics of the hydrofoil system. The method of treatment for the lateral motions was similar to that used for the longitudinal motions and is described in detail in the appendix.

The effects of changes in the vertical location of the center of gravity and changes in the longitudinal spacing of the hydrofoils on the lateral stability roots are indicated by the data of the following table:

$z_1$ (chords)	$l$ (chords)	Lateral stability roots			
2.5	10	0	$-0.544 \pm 1.122i$	$-0.472 \pm 0.204i$	
5.0	10	0	$-1.715 \pm 0.523i$	$-0.242 \pm 0.101i$	
5.0	20	0	$-2.274 \pm 1.958i$	$-0.221$	$-0.292$

The zero root that is listed for each set of values of  $z_1$  and  $l$  in the table results because the system is insensitive to heading; that is, the performance does not depend on the initial direction of travel. The remaining roots listed are either negative or have negative real parts in the case of complex roots, which indicates that all the systems investigated were laterally stable. Instability was expected in the two cases with the higher center-of-gravity location, but

apparently the stabilizing effect of the rolling moment that is developed when the system is banked (defined by the value of the derivative  $\partial C_L/\partial \phi$ ) outweighs the effect of the higher center-of-gravity location. Check calculations made with  $\partial C_L/\partial \phi$  reduced to nearly zero but with other conditions the same as for the second case in the table showed pronounced lateral instability. From the foregoing results the value of  $\partial C_L/\partial \phi$  appears to have an important influence on lateral stability. The value of this derivative is likely to depend on the depth of immersion of the hydrofoils; therefore it may impose a coupling between the longitudinal and the lateral motions and thus prevent reliable predictions of the lateral behavior when the longitudinal motion is ignored. In contrast, none of the longitudinal derivatives appears to be appreciably affected by lateral motions.

The data given in the table indicate that raising the center of gravity and increasing the longitudinal spacing of the hydrofoils increase the total damping in the hydrofoil system, but the practical value of the increase in damping cannot be determined except from a study of the response factors involved. Such a study does not seem feasible until experimental checks are made on the validity of certain of the assumptions made in developing the theory for lateral motions.

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH

The present study is based on the assumption of small displacements. Because of the nonlinearity of many of the derivatives involved, any appreciable departures from the assumed speed, depth of immersion, and other factors may cause marked changes in the dynamic characteristics of the system. Studies of maneuvers, such as take-offs, of hydrofoil systems may consequently require step-by-step treatment. The development of methods of studying the combined motions and determination of the effects of changes in forward speed, hydrofoil loading, and moments of inertia on the motions also appears desirable. For seaplanes the interaction of hydrofoils, hull, and aerodynamic surfaces must be considered. Other factors that should receive attention are the influence of the hydrofoil supports (particularly on lateral motion), the effects of power, and the nature of the downwash near a free surface.

#### CONCLUDING REMARKS

A theoretical investigation was made of tandem hydrofoil arrangements, based on the lifting-line theory. The conclusions which follow apply to only the longitudinal behavior, inasmuch as the computations made were insufficient to justify definite conclusions regarding the lateral motions.

1. The longitudinal hydrofoil spacing should be as large as is feasible.

2. The rate of change in lift with change in depth of immersion of the hydrofoils should be large. Dihedral appears to be advantageous, if the hydrofoil is partly immersed, because with dihedral there is a larger rate of change of lift

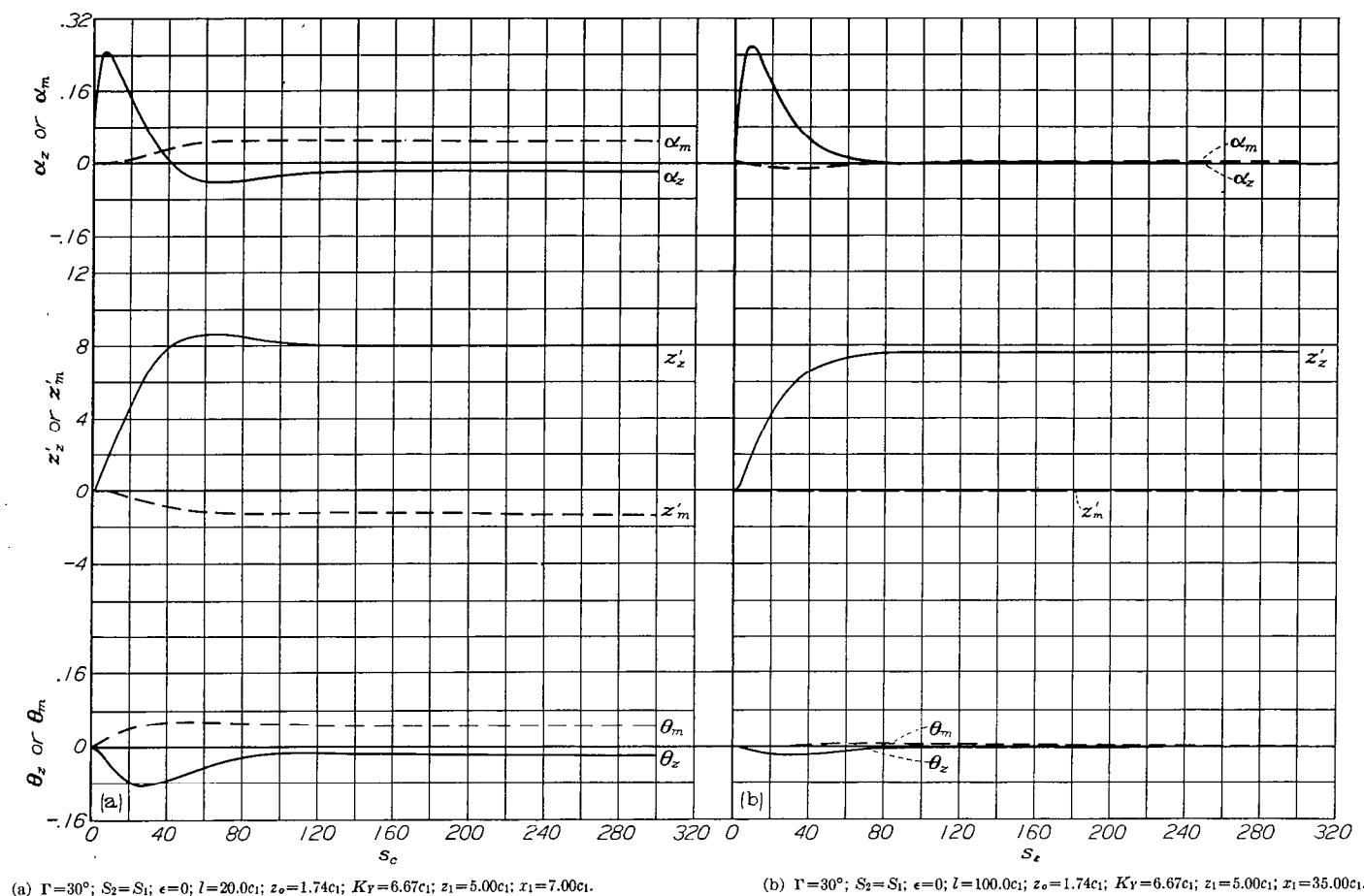
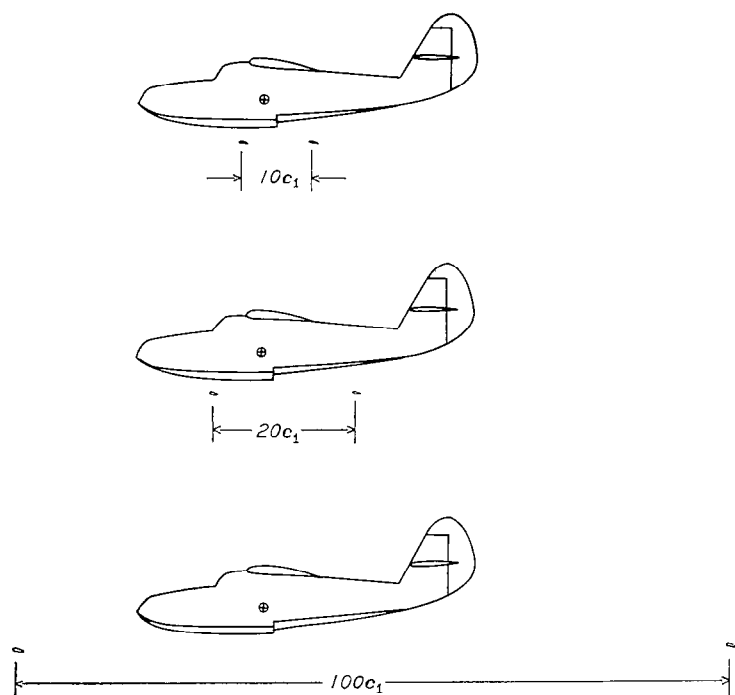
FIGURE 17.—Indicial responses for unit  $C_z$  and unit  $C_m$  disturbances.

FIGURE 18.—Significance of longitudinal hydrofoil spacing on a typical flying boat.

with change in immersion. The rate of change of lift with immersion will be insufficient for hydrofoils with no dihedral unless the area is composed of several panels in a multiplane arrangement.

3. The rear hydrofoil area should be as large as, or larger

than, the front hydrofoil area if large variations in center-of-gravity location are to be accommodated when the longitudinal hydrofoil spacing is small (of the order of 10 chords). With appreciably larger spacings, the arrangement with the main surface forward appears to be sufficiently stable and should be more efficient than the other arrangements.

4. The choice of horizontal center-of-gravity location should be based on considerations of the resultant characteristics of the longitudinal motions and the hydrofoil loading. The location should not be ahead of the hydrodynamic center of the front hydrofoil, in order to avoid undesirable loading. The location should be as far ahead of the rear boundary of the stable region as is feasible without incurring objectionable oscillations. The best compromise from this latter standpoint appears to be a location near the center of the stable region. For two equal hydrofoils in tandem the best location appears to be back about 35 percent of the distance between the hydrofoils.

5. If the effects of power are neglected, the vertical center-of-gravity location appears to be of little importance, low locations being somewhat advantageous.

6. A reduction in the pitching radius of gyration will cause an appreciable increase in the range of horizontal center-of-gravity location that will be stable.

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## APPENDIX

### METHODS OF THEORETICAL TREATMENT

#### SYMBOLS

$X-, Y-, Z\text{-axes}$	rectilinear reference axes fixed in hydrofoil system, with origin located at center of gravity (The $X$ -axis is alined in the direction of the initially undisturbed motion. The initial position of the $Y$ -axis is directed horizontally to the right. The $Z$ -axis is directed downward.)
$X, Y, Z$	forces along $X$ -, $Y$ -, and $Z$ -axes, respectively
$L, M, N$	moments about $X$ -, $Y$ -, and $Z$ -axes, respectively
$Z'\text{-axis}$	axis, directed vertically downward with respect to the earth from origin located at center of gravity of hydrofoil system
$Z'$	displacement along $Z'$ -axis
$\phi, \theta, \psi$	angular displacements of reference axes from initial positions, radians (see fig. 19)
$\alpha, \beta$	angles, in radians, giving instantaneous orientation of reference axes with respect to path of motion (see fig. 19); thus $\alpha$ is angle of attack and $\beta$ angle of sideslip at center of gravity
$V$	linear velocity of center of gravity
$\Omega$	angular velocity of hydrofoil system about center of gravity, radians per second
$u, v, w$	components of $V$ along $X$ -, $Y$ -, and $Z$ -axes, respectively
$p, q, r$	components of $\Omega$ about $X$ -, $Y$ -, and $Z$ -axes, respectively
$W$	weight of hydrofoil system
$m$	mass of hydrofoil system
$k_X, k_Y, k_Z$	radii of gyration of hydrofoil system about respective reference axes
$\rho_w$	density of water
1	subscript used to designate front hydrofoil in a system of two hydrofoils in tandem
2	subscript used to designate rear hydrofoil in a system of two hydrofoils in tandem
$S$	total projected area of immersed part of hydrofoil system under conditions of steady undisturbed motion
$S_n$	total projected area of $n$ th hydrofoil
$c_n$	chord of $n$ th hydrofoil
$b_n$	span of $n$ th hydrofoil
$A_n$	aspect ratio of $n$ th hydrofoil
$\Gamma_n$	dihedral angle of $n$ th hydrofoil, in radians unless specified otherwise

$\Gamma$	dihedral angle when angle is same for all hydrofoils in system
$\alpha_n$	angle of attack at hydrodynamic center of $n$ th hydrofoil, radians
$\alpha_i$	induced angle of attack at hydrodynamic center of front hydrofoil, radians
$\epsilon$	downwash angle at hydrodynamic center of rear hydrofoil, radians
$\epsilon_\alpha$	rate of change of $\epsilon$ with $\alpha$
$\epsilon_q$	rate of change of $\epsilon$ with $qc_1/V$

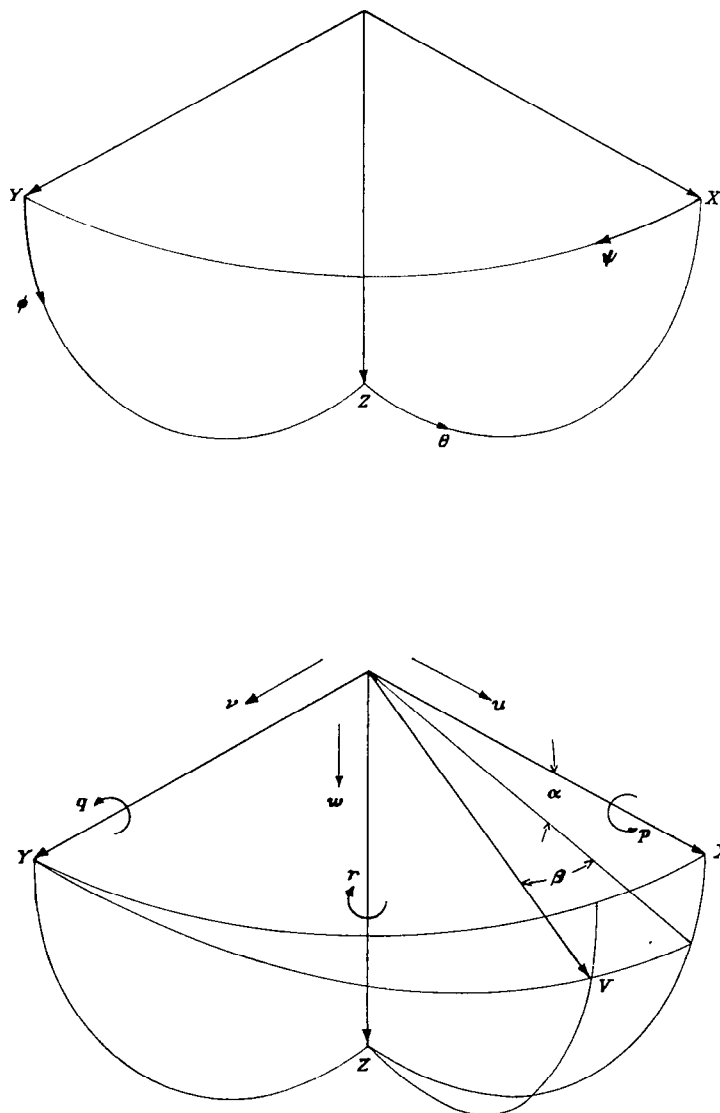


FIGURE 19.—Positive senses of axes and motions.

$\beta_n$	angle of sideslip at hydrodynamic center of $n$ th hydrofoil, radians	$C_m$	pitching moment about $Y$ -axis, converted to coefficient form by dividing by $\frac{1}{2} \rho_w S c_1$
$\left(\frac{pb}{V}\right)_n$	nondimensional rolling velocity at hydrodynamic center of $n$ th hydrofoil, based on local rolling velocity in radians per second, $b_n$ , and $V$	$C_n$	coefficient of yawing moment, with definition similar to that for $C_l$
$\left(\frac{rb}{V}\right)_n$	nondimensional yawing velocity, with definition similar to that for $\left(\frac{pb}{V}\right)_n$	$(C_n)_n$	coefficient of yawing moment, with definition similar to that for $(C_l)_n$
$C_L$	lift on hydrofoil system, measured at center of gravity in direction perpendicular to $V$ and converted to coefficient form by dividing by $\frac{1}{2} \rho_w V^2 S$	$C_{Lq_n}$	the derivative $\partial C_{L_n} / \partial \frac{qc_1}{V}$
$C_{L_n}$	lift on $n$ th hydrofoil, measured at hydrodynamic center of hydrofoil under consideration in a direction parallel to $C_L$ and converted to coefficient form by dividing by $\frac{1}{2} \rho_w V^2 S$	$x_1$	$X$ -component of distance from center of gravity to hydrodynamic center of front hydrofoil, $c_1$ units
$(C_L)_n$	lift on $n$ th hydrofoil, measured at hydrodynamic center of hydrofoil under consideration in direction perpendicular to local relative motion and converted to coefficient form by dividing by $\frac{1}{2} \rho_w V^2 S_n$	$x_2$	$X$ -component of distance from hydrodynamic center of rear hydrofoil to center of gravity, $c_1$ units
$(C_D)_n$	drag on $n$ th hydrofoil, measured at hydrodynamic center of hydrofoil under consideration in direction parallel to local relative motion and converted to coefficient form by dividing by $\frac{1}{2} \rho_w V^2 S_n$	$l$	distance between hydrodynamic centers of the two hydrofoils measured parallel to $X$ -axis, $c_1$ units
$C_W$	weight of hydrofoil system converted to coefficient form by dividing by $\frac{1}{2} \rho_w V^2 S$	$z_n$	$Z$ -component of distance from center of gravity to hydrodynamic center of $n$ th hydrofoil, $c_1$ units
$C_Y$	side force on hydrofoil system, measured at center of gravity in direction of $Y$ -axis and converted to coefficient form by dividing by $\frac{1}{2} \rho_w V^2 S$	$z_{o_n}$	operating depth; distance from water surface to hydrodynamic center of $n$ th hydrofoil during steady undisturbed motion, $c_n$ units
$(C_Y)_n$	side force on $n$ th hydrofoil, measured at hydrodynamic center of hydrofoil under consideration in direction parallel to $Y$ -axis and converted to coefficient form by dividing by $\frac{1}{2} \rho_w V^2 S_n$	$z_o$	operating depth when depth is same for all hydrofoils in system
$C_Z$	coefficient of $Z$ -force, with definition similar to that for $C_Y$	$r_n$	parameter of $n$ th hydrofoil used to determine value of $\partial(C_Y)_n / \partial \left(\frac{pb}{V}\right)_n$
$C_l$	rolling moment about $X$ -axis, converted to coefficient form by dividing by $\frac{1}{2} \rho_w V^2 S b_1$	$y_{c_n}$	$Y$ -component of distance from hydrodynamic center to centroid of lift on one panel of $n$ th hydrofoil, $b_n$ units
$(C_l)_n$	rolling moment at hydrodynamic center of $n$ th hydrofoil about axis parallel to $X$ -axis, converted to coefficient form by dividing by $\frac{1}{2} \rho_w V^2 S_n b_n$	$z'$	vertical displacement of center of gravity during disturbed motions, $c_1$ units
		$z'_n$	vertical displacement of hydrodynamic center of $n$ th hydrofoil during disturbed motions, $c_n$ units
		$\mu_c$	mass of hydrofoil system, $\frac{1}{2} \rho_w S c_1$ units
		$\mu_b$	mass of hydrofoil system, $\frac{1}{2} \rho_w S b_1$ units
		$K_Y$	radius of gyration about $Y$ -axis, $c_1$ units
		$K_X, K_Z$	radii of gyration about $X$ - and $Z$ -axes, respectively, $b_1$ units
		$t$	time, seconds
		$s_c$	time, $c_1/V$ units (To convert nondimensional time into second units use $t = \frac{s_c c_1}{V}$ . The $s_c$ time scale may alternatively be converted into distance traversed if values of $s_c$ are multiplied by $c_1$ .)
		$s_b$	time, $b_1/V$ units
		$\lambda$	stability root, with various numerical subscripts used to distinguish the different roots

$Z(t)$	disturbance function; a $Z$ -force of variable magnitude, time history of which is indicated by form of function (The complete description of any arbitrary disturbance acting on the hydrofoil system may be expressed by use of this and the additional disturbance functions $M(t)$ , $Y(t)$ , $L(t)$ , and $N(t)$ , with definitions similar to that for $Z(t)$ .)
$C_z(s_c)$	nondimensional disturbance function, similar to $Z(t)$ but with force expressed in coefficient form and with time in nondimensional units (Similar definitions apply to $C_m(s_c)$ , $C_x(s_b)$ , $C_l(s_b)$ , and $C_n(s_b)$ .)
$\alpha_z, z', \theta_z$	indicial responses giving motions $\alpha$ , $z'$ , and $\theta$ , respectively, caused by sudden application of unit $C_z$ disturbance to hydrofoil system
$\alpha_m, z'_m, \theta_m$	indicial responses giving motions in $\alpha$ , $z'$ , and $\theta$ , respectively, caused by sudden application of unit $C_m$ disturbance to hydrofoil system
$k_1$	empirical constant used to determine value of $\partial(C_L)_n/\partial z'_n$
$k_2, k_3$	empirical constants used to determine value of $\partial(C_L)_n/\partial \alpha_n$
$k_4, k_5$	empirical constants used to determine value of $\partial(C_D)_n/\partial \alpha_n$

The abbreviations h.c. and c.g. are used herein for hydrodynamic center and center of gravity of hydrofoil system, respectively.

#### LONGITUDINAL EQUATIONS OF MOTION

The longitudinal motions of the hydrofoil system are referred to the system of axes described in the list of symbols. The choice of axes that correspond to those customarily employed in studies of airplane stability should facilitate extension of the present hydrofoil theory to include the effects of aerodynamic surfaces. The equations of motion are based on the assumption that the hydrofoil system can be replaced by a particle at its center of gravity having a mass  $m$  and radii of gyration  $k_x, k_y, k_z$  about the respective reference axes equal to those of the hydrofoil system. The analysis is also based on the assumption that the velocities  $V$  in the direction of motion and  $u$  along the  $X$ -axis are constant and that departures from the initial conditions of motion are small. The further assumption is made that the longitudinal displacements  $Z'$ ,  $\theta$ , and along the  $Z$ -axis, in the plane of symmetry of the hydrofoil system, are independent of the lateral motions involving the displacements  $\phi$ ,  $\psi$ , and along the  $Y$ -axis. This assumption yields satisfactory theoretical predictions of the motions of airplanes in normal flight and appears warranted, based on the nature of the deviations involved, in the treatment of the longitudinal motion of hydrofoils. Its application to the lateral motions of hydrofoils is made with reservations, as mentioned in the main text.

By the use of D'Alemberts principle, the following equations of equilibrium at the center of gravity are written for the forces and moments involved in the longitudinal motions:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} m \frac{d^2 Z}{dt^2} - m q V &= w \frac{\partial Z}{\partial w} + Z' \frac{\partial Z}{\partial Z'} + \theta \frac{\partial Z}{\partial \theta} + q \frac{\partial Z}{\partial q} + Z(t) \\ m k_y^2 \frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2} &= w \frac{\partial M}{\partial w} + Z' \frac{\partial M}{\partial Z'} + \theta \frac{\partial M}{\partial \theta} + q \frac{\partial M}{\partial q} + M(t) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (1)$$

where  $Z(t)$  and  $M(t)$  are arbitrary disturbance functions. The equations have the same form as the familiar equations of longitudinal motion for an airplane, except for the addition of derivatives with respect to  $Z'$  and  $\theta$ . The equation of equilibrium involving the  $X$ -force is omitted because  $u$  is assumed constant. Equations (1) can be simplified by using  $w = \frac{dZ}{dt}$ ,  $\alpha = \frac{w}{V}$ , and  $q = \frac{d\theta}{dt}$  to give

$$\left. \begin{aligned} m V \frac{d\alpha}{dt} - m V \frac{d\theta}{dt} &= \alpha \frac{\partial Z}{\partial \alpha} + Z' \frac{\partial Z}{\partial Z'} + \theta \frac{\partial Z}{\partial \theta} + \frac{d\theta}{dt} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial q} + Z(t) \\ m k_y^2 \frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2} &= \alpha \frac{\partial M}{\partial \alpha} + Z' \frac{\partial M}{\partial Z'} + \theta \frac{\partial M}{\partial \theta} + \frac{d\theta}{dt} \frac{\partial M}{\partial q} + M(t) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2)$$

If equations (2) are rewritten in a nondimensional form, the solutions obtained will be general in character. The method used to make the various terms of the equations nondimensional involves expressing all angles in radians, all forces and moments in the standard NACA coefficient forms

$$C_z = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Z}{\rho_w V^2 S} \quad (3)$$

$$C_m = \frac{1}{2} \frac{M}{\rho_w V^2 S c_1} \quad (4)$$

all lengths in terms of the chord  $c_1$  of the front hydrofoil, all times in terms of the time  $c_1/V$  required for the system to traverse the distance  $c_1$  along the path of motion, and the mass in terms of  $\frac{1}{2} \rho_w S c_1$  units. The nondimensional quantities of mass  $\mu_c$ , time  $s_c$ , vertical displacement  $z'$ , and radius of gyration  $K_y$  about the  $Y$ -axis thus bear the following relations to the corresponding dimensional quantities:

$$\mu_c = \frac{m}{\frac{1}{2} \rho_w S c_1} \quad (5)$$

$$s_c = \frac{t}{c_1/V} \quad (6)$$

$$z' = \frac{Z'}{c_1} \quad (7)$$

$$K_y = \frac{k_y}{c_1} \quad (8)$$

In equations (3) to (8),  $\rho_w$  is the density of water and  $S$  is the total projected hydrofoil area in the hydrofoil system.

The nondimensional form of equations (2) becomes

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mu_c \left( \frac{d\alpha}{ds_c} - \frac{d\theta}{ds_c} \right) &= \alpha \frac{\partial C_z}{\partial \alpha} + z' \frac{\partial C_z}{\partial z'} + \theta \frac{\partial C_z}{\partial \theta} + \frac{d\theta}{ds_c} \frac{\partial C_z}{\partial \frac{qc_1}{V}} + C_z(s_c) \\ \mu_c K_Y^2 \frac{d^2 \theta}{ds_c^2} &= \alpha \frac{\partial C_m}{\partial \alpha} + z' \frac{\partial C_m}{\partial z'} + \theta \frac{\partial C_m}{\partial \theta} + \frac{d\theta}{ds_c} \frac{\partial C_m}{\partial \frac{qc_1}{V}} + C_m(s_c) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (9)$$

Also, from geometric considerations,

$$\frac{dz'}{ds_c} = \alpha - \theta \quad (10)$$

In equations (9),  $C_z(s_c)$  and  $C_m(s_c)$  are functions of nondimensional time that describe the application of disturbing force and moment coefficients to the hydrofoil system. The methods used to make the terms of equations (9) nondimensional have the advantage that the nondimensional equations obtained retain the same form as the original force equations, consequently the physical significance of the nondimensional equations should be more readily evident. Solutions of motion obtained from equations (9) are likewise nondimensional and may be considered as proportions, applicable to all similar hydrofoil systems, and capable of conversion to customary engineering units in any given case by use of the characteristic dimensions  $c_1$  and  $V$  pertinent to the specific design.

Stable regions and stability roots for the longitudinal motions can be obtained from equations (9) in conjunction with equation (10) by methods discussed in reference 4. The stability equation for the longitudinal motions has the form

$$aD^4 + bD^3 + cD^2 + dD + e = 0 \quad (11)$$

Boundaries for the stable regions were obtained from the conditions

$$(bc - ad)d - b^2e = 0 \quad (12)$$

for the oscillatory boundary and

$$e = 0 \quad (13)$$

for the divergence boundary. The quantities involved in equations (12) and (13) are the coefficients of equation (11), which in turn are functions of the factors of equations (9) and (10). Thus,

$$e = \frac{\partial C_z}{\partial z'} \left( \frac{\partial C_m}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial C_m}{\partial \alpha} \right) - \frac{\partial C_m}{\partial z'} \left( \frac{\partial C_z}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial C_z}{\partial \alpha} \right) \quad (14)$$

Equation (12) is the familiar Routh's discriminant, but its expression in terms of the factors in equations (9) and (10) is considered too lengthy to be presented here.

#### LONGITUDINAL DERIVATIVES

Values must be assigned to the various partial derivatives appearing in equations (9) before the equations can be solved. No experimental values for the derivatives were available; hence computed values were used. The computed derivatives were evaluated on the basis of experimental hydrofoil data obtained from results of tests made in the Langley tank no. 1 at various immersions and speeds. A discussion of the methods used to compute the various derivatives follows. Data presented in connection with the discussion are for hydrofoils of rectangular plan form and tips, with an aspect ratio of 6, and operating at a velocity of 20 feet per second. Experimental results indicate that, for a given angle of attack, marked changes in the lift and drag coefficients of hydrofoils occur with changes in speed. The values of the derivatives would undoubtedly be equally affected by any pronounced change in speed from that assumed in the investigation.

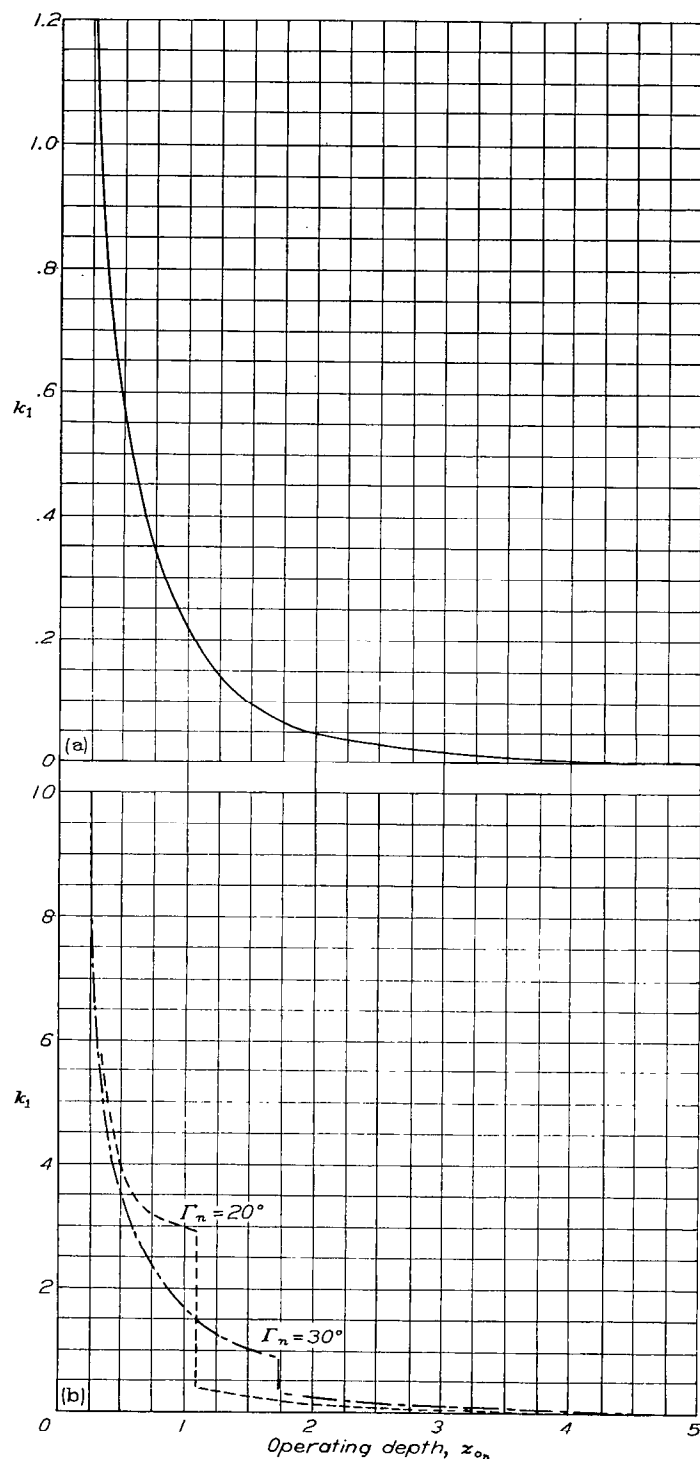
**Change in  $Z$ -force with vertical displacement of the center of gravity  $\partial C_z / \partial z'$ .**—If the center of gravity moves downward, the hydrofoils are immersed deeper in the water. Experimental results indicate that an increase in the depth of immersion of a hydrofoil is accompanied by an increase in the magnitude of the lift obtained. The increase in lift is proportional to, and of the same sign as, the initial lift. Thus,

$$\frac{\partial (C_L)_n}{\partial z'_n} = k_1 (C_L)_n \quad (15)$$

Values of  $k_1$  are given in figure 20 (a) for a dihedral angle of  $0^\circ$  and in figure 20 (b) for dihedral angles of  $20^\circ$  and  $30^\circ$ . The value of  $k_1$  depends on the normal operating depth  $z_{on}$  of the hydrofoil. The discontinuities in the curves of figure 20 (b) coincide with the point where the tips of the hydrofoil break the surface. In figure 20 (a) and subsequent figures,  $(C_L)_n$  is based on the total area of the hydrofoil instead of the immersed area and  $z_{on}$  is measured in chord lengths of the particular hydrofoil under consideration.

The value of  $\partial C_z / \partial z'$  for a complete hydrofoil system is the negative sum of the values of  $\partial C_{L_n} / \partial z'_n$  for the individual hydrofoils. The values of  $\partial C_{L_n} / \partial z'_n$  for the various hydrofoils are derived from the  $\partial (C_L)_n / \partial z'_n$  values obtained from figure 20 (a) or 20 (b) by making proper allowance for the different areas and chords that are used to make the various terms nondimensional.

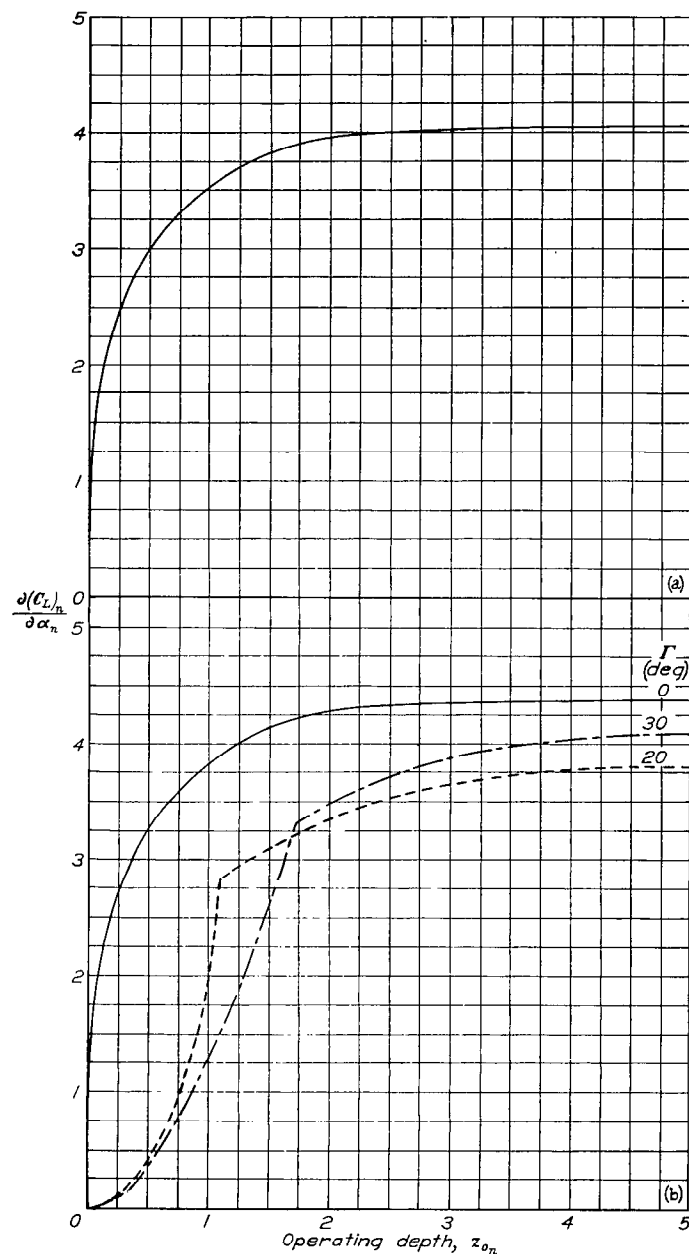
**Change in  $Z$ -force with angle of attack  $\partial C_z / \partial \alpha$ .**—The value of the derivative  $\partial C_z / \partial \alpha$  is the negative sum of the values of  $\partial C_{L_n} / \partial \alpha$  (that is, the slopes of the lift curves) for the individual hydrofoils. As in the case of  $\partial C_z / \partial z'$ , differences in the areas used in forming the coefficients must be taken into account when the addition is made. The slope of the lift curve depends on the depth of immersion of the hydrofoil. Typical variations of the slope are given in figure 21 (a) for  $0^\circ$  dihedral angle and in figure 21 (b) for various dihedral



(a)  $A_n=6$ ; NACA 66, S-209 section;  $\Gamma_n=0^\circ$ ;  $c_n=5$  inches;  $V=20$  feet per second.  
 (b)  $A_n=6$ ; NACA 16-509 section;  $\Gamma_n=20^\circ$  or  $30^\circ$ ;  $c_n=5$  inches;  $V=20$  feet per second.

FIGURE 20.—Variation of  $k_1$  with  $z_{on}$  for hydrofoil having rectangular plan form and rectangular tips.

angles. When figure 21 is used to determine the slope of the lift curve for the rear hydrofoil, the value obtained is with respect to the local angle of attack  $\alpha_2$  at the rear hydrofoil.



(a)  $A_n=6$ ; NACA 66, S-209 section;  $\Gamma_n=0^\circ$ ;  $c_n=5$  inches;  $V=20$  feet per second.

(b)  $A_n=6$ ; NACA 16-509 section;  $\Gamma_n=0^\circ$ ,  $20^\circ$ , or  $30^\circ$ ;  $c_n=5$  inches;  $V=20$  feet per second.

FIGURE 21.—Variation of  $\partial(C_L)_n/\partial \alpha_n$  with  $z_{on}$  for a hydrofoil having rectangular plan form and rectangular tips.

In general the value of  $\alpha_2$  is less than that of  $\alpha$  (measured at the center of gravity) by the amount of the downwash angle  $\epsilon$  at the rear hydrofoil. The slope of the lift curve for the rear hydrofoil must be corrected for downwash to give the required slope with respect to  $\alpha$ . The correction is applied by multiplying the slope obtained from figure 21 (a) or 21 (b) by the factor  $1 - \epsilon_\alpha$ , where  $\epsilon_\alpha$  has some value in the range

$$0 \leq \epsilon_\alpha \leq \frac{2}{A_1} \frac{\partial(C_L)_1}{\partial \alpha_1} \quad (16)$$

In equation (16),  $A_1$  is the aspect ratio of the front hydrofoil and  $\partial(C_L)_1/\partial\alpha_1$  is the lift-curve slope obtained from figure 21 (a) or 21 (b) for the front hydrofoil.

**Change in  $Z$ -force with pitch attitude  $\partial C_z/\partial\theta$ .**—A change in the pitch attitude of the hydrofoil system will cause a differential change in the depth of immersion of the hydrofoils. The effect on the  $Z$ -force may be estimated from the geometry of the system and the data of figure 20; thus, for two tandem hydrofoils

$$\frac{\partial C_z}{\partial\theta} = \frac{S_1}{S} \frac{\partial(C_L)_1}{\partial z'_1} x_1 - \frac{S_2 c_1}{S c_2} \frac{\partial(C_L)_2}{\partial z'_2} x_2 \quad (17)$$

**Change in  $Z$ -force with pitching velocity  $\partial C_z/\partial \frac{qc_1}{V}$ .**—The chief effect of a pitching velocity about the center of gravity of the hydrofoil system is to cause a change in local angle of attack at each hydrofoil. The change in effective camber for the pitching hydrofoil introduces a small additional component of vertical force. (See reference 5.) The total effect for two hydrofoils in tandem may be assumed to be

$$\frac{\partial C_z}{\partial \frac{qc_1}{V}} = -C_{L_{q_1}} - C_{L_{q_2}} \quad (18)$$

where

$$C_{L_{q_1}} = \frac{S_1}{S} \frac{\partial(C_L)_1}{\partial\alpha_1} (-x_1 + 0.5) \quad (19)$$

$$C_{L_{q_2}} = \frac{S_2}{S} \frac{\partial(C_L)_2}{\partial\alpha_2} \left( x_2 - \epsilon_q + 0.5 \frac{c_2}{c_1} \right) \quad (20)$$

In equation (20),  $\partial(C_L)_2/\partial\alpha_2$  is the lift-curve slope for the rear hydrofoil, based on the local angle of attack  $\alpha_2$ ;  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are the  $X$ -components of the locations of the front and rear hydrofoil hydrodynamic centers from the center of gravity expressed in terms of  $c_1$ ; and  $\epsilon_q$  indicates the rate of change of downwash angle at the rear hydrofoil with change in nondimensional pitching velocity  $qc_1/V$ . The value of  $\epsilon_q$  will be in the range

$$0 \leq \epsilon_q \leq \frac{2C_{L_{q_1}}}{\pi A_1} \quad (21)$$

**Change in pitching moment with vertical displacement of the center of gravity  $\partial C_m/\partial z'$ .**—The changes in lift, mentioned in the discussion of the change in  $Z$ -force with vertical displacement of the center of gravity, produce moment changes about the center of gravity, the magnitude of which depend on the  $X$ -components of the distances of the hydrofoil hydrodynamic centers from the center of gravity. The drag also increases with deeper immersion of the hydrofoils. Analysis of the data obtained in Langley tank no. 1 indicates that the change in drag can be expressed as

$$\frac{\partial(C_D)_n}{\partial z'_n} = k_2(C_L)_n^2 + k_3 \quad (22)$$

Values of  $k_2$  and  $k_3$  are given in figure 22 (a) for  $0^\circ$  dihedral angle and in figure 22 (b) for  $30^\circ$  dihedral angle. The drag

changes multiplied by the  $Z$ -components of the distances from the center of gravity to the hydrofoil hydrodynamic centers give the drag contributions to the change in pitching moment. For two hydrofoils in tandem

$$\frac{\partial C_m}{\partial z'} = \frac{S_1}{S} \frac{\partial(C_L)_1}{\partial z'_1} x_1 - \frac{S_2 c_1}{S c_2} \frac{\partial(C_L)_2}{\partial z'_2} x_2 - \frac{S_1}{S} \frac{\partial(C_D)_1}{\partial z'_1} z_1 - \frac{S_2 c_1}{S c_2} \frac{\partial(C_D)_2}{\partial z'_2} z_2 \quad (23)$$

**Change in pitching moment with angle of attack  $\partial C_m/\partial\alpha$ .**—Physical considerations lead to the expression, for two hydrofoils.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial C_m}{\partial\alpha} = & \frac{S_1}{S} \frac{\partial(C_L)_1}{\partial\alpha_1} x_1 - \frac{S_2}{S} (1 - \epsilon_a) \frac{\partial(C_L)_2}{\partial\alpha_2} x_2 + \frac{S_1}{S} \left[ (C_L)_1 - \frac{\partial(C_D)_1}{\partial\alpha_1} \right] z_1 \\ & + \frac{S_2}{S} (1 - \epsilon_a) \left[ (C_L)_2 - \frac{\partial(C_D)_2}{\partial\alpha_2} - \epsilon \frac{\partial(C_L)_2}{\partial\alpha_2} \right] z_2 \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

where  $(C_D)_1$  is the drag coefficient of the front hydrofoil based on the area of the front hydrofoil;  $(C_D)_2$  is the drag coefficient of the rear hydrofoil based on the area of the rear hydrofoil; and  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are the  $Z$ -components of the locations of the front- and rear-hydrofoil hydrodynamic centers from the center of gravity, expressed in terms of  $c_1$ .

The slope of the drag curve for each hydrofoil must be known to determine  $\partial C_m/\partial\alpha$  from equation (24). The empirical relation

$$\frac{\partial(C_D)_n}{\partial\alpha_n} = k_4(C_L)_n - k_5 \quad (25)$$

was obtained from an analysis of the experimental data. Values of  $k_4$  and  $k_5$  varied with the depth of immersion of the hydrofoils in the manner shown in figure 23 (a) for  $0^\circ$  dihedral angle and in figure 23 (b) for  $30^\circ$  dihedral angle.

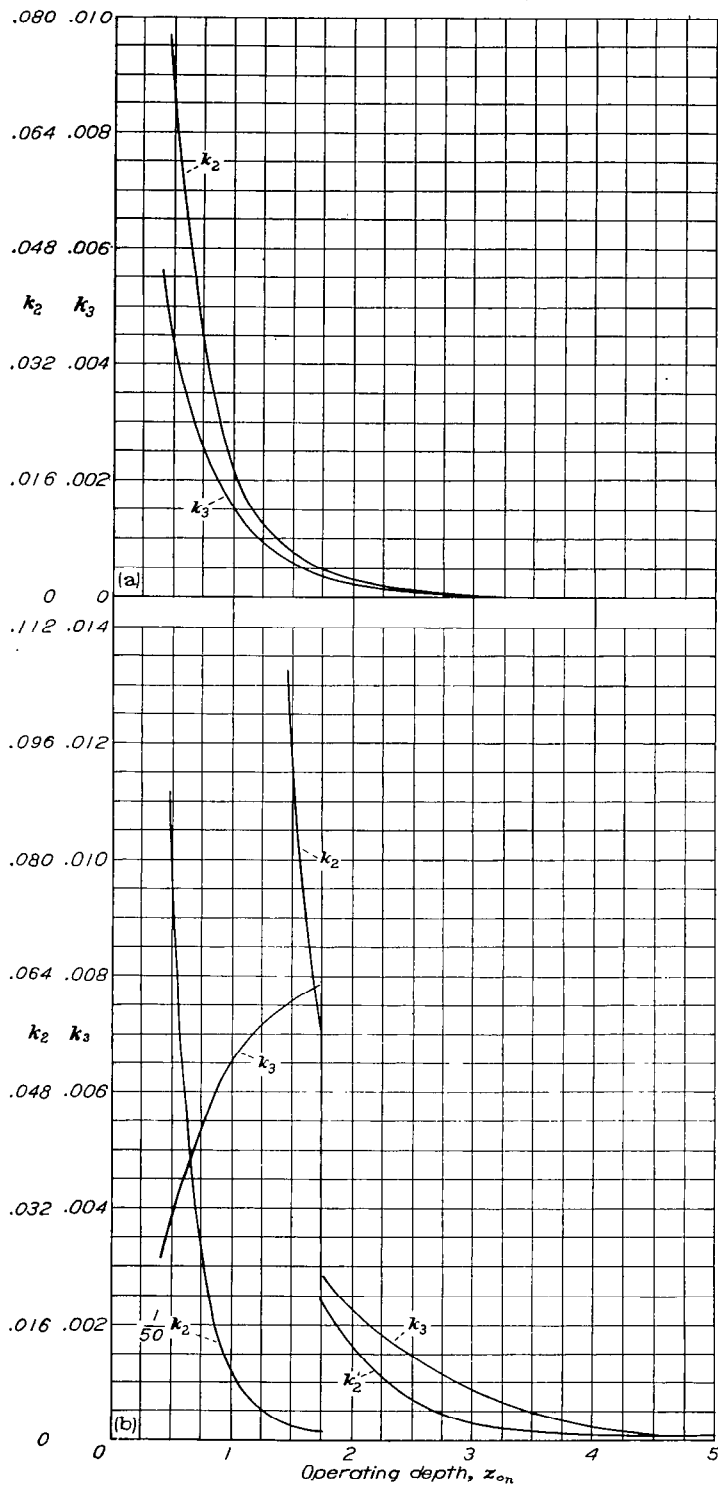
**Change in pitching moment with pitch attitude  $\partial C_m/\partial\theta$ .**—The differential change in the depth of immersion of the hydrofoils introduced by a change in the pitch attitude of the hydrofoil system leads to variations in the lift and drag for each hydrofoil. These variations can be translated into a variation in pitching moment about the center of gravity by use of the geometry of the hydrofoil system and equations (15) and (22). For two tandem hydrofoils

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial C_m}{\partial\theta} = & -\frac{S_1}{S} \frac{\partial(C_L)_1}{\partial z'_1} x_1^2 - \frac{S_2 c_1}{S c_2} \frac{\partial(C_L)_2}{\partial z'_2} x_2^2 + \frac{S_1}{S} \frac{\partial(C_D)_1}{\partial z'_1} x_1 z_1 - \\ & \frac{S_2 c_1}{S c_2} \frac{\partial(C_D)_2}{\partial z'_2} x_2 z_2 \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

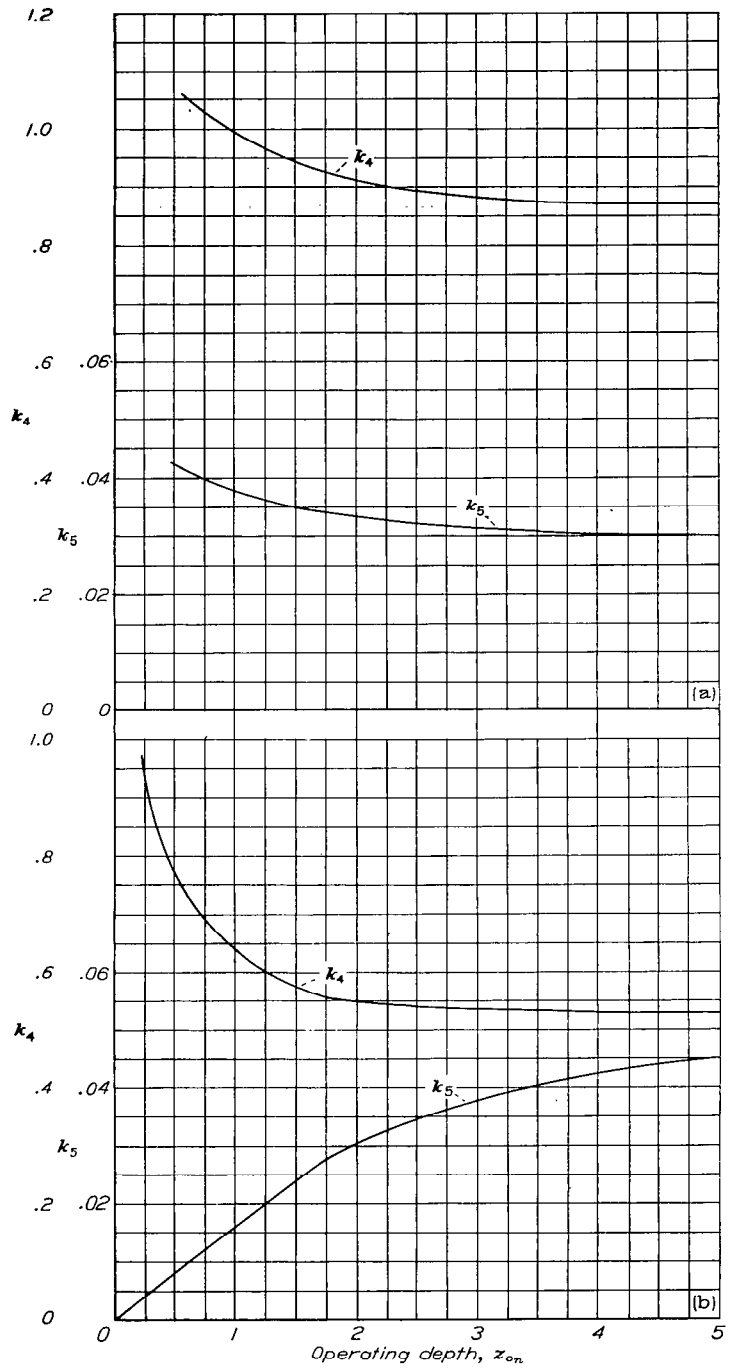
**Change in pitching moment with pitching velocity  $\partial C_m/\partial \frac{qc_1}{V}$ .**—The only important contribution to the pitching moment produced by a pitching velocity about the center of gravity is that associated with the change in lift on each hydrofoil as a result of the change in local angle of attack. Thus,

$$\frac{\partial C_m}{\partial \frac{qc_1}{V}} = -\frac{S_1}{S} \frac{\partial(C_L)_1}{\partial\alpha_1} x_1^2 - \frac{S_2}{S} (x_2 - \epsilon_q) \frac{\partial(C_L)_2}{\partial\alpha_2} x_2 \quad (27)$$





(a)  $A_n = 6$ ; NACA 66, S-209 section;  $\Gamma_n = 0^\circ$ ;  $c_n = 5$  inches;  $V = 20$  feet per second.  
 (b)  $A_n = 6$ ; NACA 16-509 section;  $\Gamma_n = 30^\circ$ ;  $c_n = 5$  inches;  $V = 20$  feet per second.  
 FIGURE 22.—Variation of  $k_2$  and  $k_3$  with  $z_{on}$  for a hydrofoil having rectangular plan form and rectangular tips.



(a)  $A_n = 6$ ; NACA 66, S-209 section;  $\Gamma_n = 0^\circ$ ;  $c_n = 5$  inches;  $V = 20$  feet per second.  
 (b)  $A_n = 6$ ; NACA 16-509 section;  $\Gamma_n = 30^\circ$ ;  $c_n = 5$  inches;  $V = 20$  feet per second.  
 FIGURE 23.—Variation of  $k_4$  and  $k_5$  with  $z_{on}$  for a hydrofoil having rectangular plan form and rectangular tips.

## LATERAL EQUATIONS OF MOTION

Equations expressing the equilibriums of the forces and moments involved in the lateral motions are written on the same assumptions as those used to obtain the longitudinal equations. The equations of lateral motion are

$$\left. \begin{aligned} m \frac{d^2 Y}{dt^2} + mrV &= v \frac{\partial Y}{\partial v} + \phi \left( \frac{\partial Y}{\partial \phi} + W \right) + p \frac{\partial Y}{\partial p} + r \frac{\partial Y}{\partial r} + Y(t) \\ mk_x^2 \frac{d^2 \phi}{dt^2} &= v \frac{\partial L}{\partial v} + \phi \frac{\partial L}{\partial \phi} + p \frac{\partial L}{\partial p} + r \frac{\partial L}{\partial r} + L(t) \\ mk_z^2 \frac{d^2 \psi}{dt^2} &= v \frac{\partial N}{\partial v} + \phi \frac{\partial N}{\partial \phi} + p \frac{\partial N}{\partial p} + r \frac{\partial N}{\partial r} + N(t) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (28)$$

where  $Y(t)$ ,  $L(t)$ , and  $N(t)$  are arbitrary disturbance functions. Equations (28) can be simplified by using  $v = \frac{dY}{dt}$ ,  $\beta = \frac{Y}{V}$ ,  $p = \frac{d\phi}{dt}$ , and  $r = \frac{d\psi}{dt}$  to give

$$\left. \begin{aligned} mV \frac{d\beta}{dt} + mV \frac{d\psi}{dt} &= \beta \frac{\partial Y}{\partial \beta} + \phi \left( \frac{\partial Y}{\partial \phi} + W \right) + \frac{d\phi}{dt} \frac{\partial Y}{\partial p} + \frac{d\psi}{dt} \frac{\partial Y}{\partial r} + Y(t) \\ mk_x^2 \frac{d^2 \phi}{dt^2} &= \beta \frac{\partial L}{\partial \beta} + \phi \frac{\partial L}{\partial \phi} + \frac{d\phi}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial p} + \frac{d\psi}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial r} + L(t) \\ mk_z^2 \frac{d^2 \psi}{dt^2} &= \beta \frac{\partial N}{\partial \beta} + \phi \frac{\partial N}{\partial \phi} + \frac{d\phi}{dt} \frac{\partial N}{\partial p} + \frac{d\psi}{dt} \frac{\partial N}{\partial r} + N(t) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (29)$$

Equations (29) will next be written in a nondimensional form similar to that used for the longitudinal equations. Thus, all angles will be expressed in radians and all forces and moments in the standard NACA coefficient forms

$$C_Y = \frac{Y}{\frac{1}{2} \rho_w V^2 S} \quad (30)$$

$$C_W = \frac{W}{\frac{1}{2} \rho_w V^2 S} \quad (31)$$

$$C_l = \frac{L}{\frac{1}{2} \rho_w V^2 S b_1} \quad (32)$$

$$C_n = \frac{N}{\frac{1}{2} \rho_w V^2 S b_1} \quad (33)$$

Because of the different basis for forming the moment coefficients (cf. equation (4)) in the nondimensional lateral equations of motion, all lengths will be expressed in terms of the span of the front hydrofoil  $b_1$ , all values of time in terms of the time  $b_1/V$  required for the system to traverse the

distance  $b_1$  along the path of motion, and the mass in terms of  $\frac{1}{2} \rho_w S b_1$  units. The nondimensional mass  $\mu_b$ , time  $s_b$ , and radii of gyration  $K_x$  and  $K_z$  thus bear the following relations to the corresponding dimensional quantities:

$$\mu_b = \frac{m}{\frac{1}{2} \rho_w S b_1} \quad (34)$$

$$s_b = \frac{t}{b_1/V} \quad (35)$$

$$K_x = \frac{k_x}{b_1} \quad (36)$$

$$K_z = \frac{k_z}{b_1} \quad (37)$$

The nondimensional form of equations (29) becomes

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mu_b \left( \frac{d\beta}{ds_b} + \frac{d\psi}{ds_b} \right) &= \beta \frac{\partial C_Y}{\partial \beta} + \phi \left( \frac{\partial C_Y}{\partial \phi} + C_W \right) + \frac{d\phi}{ds_b} \frac{\partial C_Y}{\partial \frac{pb_1}{V}} + \frac{d\psi}{ds_b} \frac{\partial C_Y}{\partial \frac{rb_1}{V}} + C_Y(s_b) \\ \mu_b K_x^2 \frac{d^2 \phi}{ds_b^2} &= \beta \frac{\partial C_l}{\partial \beta} + \phi \frac{\partial C_l}{\partial \phi} + \frac{d\phi}{ds_b} \frac{\partial C_l}{\partial \frac{pb_1}{V}} + \frac{d\psi}{ds_b} \frac{\partial C_l}{\partial \frac{rb_1}{V}} + C_l(s_b) \\ \mu_b K_z^2 \frac{d^2 \psi}{ds_b^2} &= \beta \frac{\partial C_n}{\partial \beta} + \phi \frac{\partial C_n}{\partial \phi} + \frac{d\phi}{ds_b} \frac{\partial C_n}{\partial \frac{pb_1}{V}} + \frac{d\psi}{ds_b} \frac{\partial C_n}{\partial \frac{rb_1}{V}} + C_n(s_b) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (38)$$

where  $C_Y(s_b)$ ,  $C_l(s_b)$ , and  $C_n(s_b)$  are functions of nondimensional time that can be used to define the application of any lateral disturbance to the hydrofoil system.

## LATERAL DERIVATIVES

In order to obtain a solution from equations (38), the various partial derivatives involved must be given numerical values. No experimentally determined values were available for any of the derivatives, and computed values were therefore used. Experience has shown that theoretical methods are unreliable for obtaining many of the lateral stability derivatives of airplanes. This fact, coupled with the additional complication of the presence of a free surface, suggests that theoretical computations of the derivatives for hydrofoils will be even less satisfactory. Elaborate theoretical analyses to obtain the values of the lateral stability derivatives of hydrofoils, therefore, appear to be unjustified until experimental data are available for use in checking the accuracy of computed values.

For most of the lateral derivatives, the values of the derivatives were first computed with respect to the hydrodynamic center of the hydrofoil for motions at the hydrodynamic center; from the geometry of the hydrofoil system the derivatives at the center of gravity of the hydrofoil system for motions at the center of gravity were obtained. The following discussion will be mainly confined to methods of computing the lateral derivatives at the hydrodynamic center of the hydrofoil. Such derivatives can be readily converted to derivatives at the center of gravity of the hydrofoil system by the use of elementary mechanics when the geometry of the system is known. Numerical data presented in connection with the discussion of the lateral derivatives were obtained from the same sources and the same operating conditions as those used in obtaining the longitudinal derivatives. The expressions derived are for the lateral derivatives of an "ideal" hydrofoil system without supporting struts. The presence of the supporting struts usually required will undoubtedly have a large influence on the values of certain of the lateral derivatives.

**Change in  $Y$ -force with sideslip  $\partial C_Y/\partial \beta$ .**—During sideslip the effective angle of attack is differentially altered on each side of the hydrofoil, which changes the lift on each half in such a way that a component of side force is introduced. This effect is a function of the dihedral of the hydrofoil. In addition, the direction of the drag force is rotated to one side during sideslipping. The sum of these effects is

$$\frac{\partial (C_Y)_n}{\partial \beta_n} = -\frac{\partial (C_L)_n}{\partial \alpha_n} \Gamma_n \tan \Gamma_n - (C_D)_n \quad (39)$$

where  $(C_Y)_n$  is the coefficient, based on  $S_n$ , of the  $Y$ -component of force at the hydrodynamic center of the  $n$ th hydrofoil and  $\beta_n$  is the sideslip angle at the same point. The dihedral angle of the  $n$ th hydrofoil in radians is indicated by  $\Gamma_n$ . The value of  $\partial (C_L)_n/\partial \alpha_n$  required in equation (39) can be obtained from figure 21(a) or 21(b), and the value of  $(C_D)_n$  is given in figure 24(a) for  $0^\circ$  dihedral angle and in figure 24(b) for  $30^\circ$  dihedral angle.

**Change in  $Y$ -force with angle of bank  $\partial C_Y/\partial \phi$ .**—The value of the derivative  $\partial C_Y/\partial \phi$  was estimated by treating each panel separately as a hydrofoil of which the dihedral angle, angle of attack, centroid of lift, lift-curve slope, and immersed area vary with angle of bank. The change in effective aspect ratio, which should be small for small changes in bank angle, was neglected. The variation in dihedral angle and immersed area with angle of bank was obtained, by graphical methods, for banking about the center of gravity of the hydrofoil system. The changes in lift-curve slope and centroid of lift with dihedral angle were obtained from figure 25. The value of  $\partial (C_L)_n/\partial \alpha_n$  in this figure is for a lift coefficient based on the projected area of the hydrofoil while banked, rather than on the initial projected area, and with the lift measured vertically regardless of the bank attitude.

The lateral displacement of the centroid of lift from the juncture of the hydrofoil panels is given by the value of  $y_{c_n}$  in figure 25. In order to make  $y_{c_n}$  nondimensional it is expressed in terms of twice the projected span of the banked panel. The new angle of attack of the panel after a change in bank is

$$\alpha = \alpha_0 \cos \Gamma_0 \sec \Gamma \quad (40)$$

where the subscript 0 refers to the initial values for the hydrofoil panel, and  $\Gamma$  and  $\alpha$  are the values of the dihedral angle and angle of attack of the panel after a change in bank. (Note that  $\Gamma = \Gamma_0 \pm \phi$ , where the sign depends on whether the left or right panel is involved.)

Equation (40) and the values of  $\partial (C_L)_n/\partial \alpha_n$  and  $y_{c_n}$  obtained from figure 25 can be used to determine the magnitude and point of application of  $C_L$  for each banked panel. The value of  $C_Y$  for the banked hydrofoil is then determined by rules of simple mechanics. The value of  $\partial C_Y/\partial \phi$  is obtained graphically by plotting the values of  $C_Y$  determined for several values of  $\phi$  and measuring the slope of the resulting curve.

**Change in  $Y$ -force with rolling velocity  $\partial C_Y/\partial \frac{pb_1}{V}$ .**—An

estimation of the value of the derivative  $\partial C_Y/\partial \frac{pb_1}{V}$  was obtained on the assumption that the side force would be zero for rolling of the hydrofoil about its effective center of curvature in front elevation. The derivative for rolling about the center section of the hydrofoil can then be obtained by an expression of the form

$$\frac{\partial (C_Y)_n}{\partial \left(\frac{pb_1}{V}\right)_n} = r_n \frac{\partial (C_Y)_n}{\partial \beta_n} \quad (41)$$

The parameter  $r_n$  is given in figure 26 for various dihedral angles.

**Change in  $Y$ -force with yawing velocity  $\partial C_Y/\partial \frac{rb_1}{V}$ .**—The derivative  $\partial C_Y/\partial \frac{rb_1}{V}$  was assumed to be zero for yawing about the hydrodynamic center of the hydrofoil.

**Change in rolling moment with sideslip  $\partial C_l/\partial \beta$ .**—The differential change in lift, produced on each panel of a hydrofoil during sideslip, introduces a component of rolling moment about the center section. An additional component of rolling moment arises because the point of application of the side force produced by sideslip lies above the center section. The sum of these effects is

$$\frac{\partial (C_l)_n}{\partial \beta_n} = y_{c_n} \left( -\frac{\partial (C_L)_n}{\partial \alpha_n} \Gamma_n + \frac{\partial (C_Y)_n}{\partial \beta_n} \tan \Gamma_n \right) \quad (42)$$

where  $y_{c_n}$  is obtained from figure 25 and  $\partial (C_L)_n/\partial \alpha_n$  from figure 21 (b).

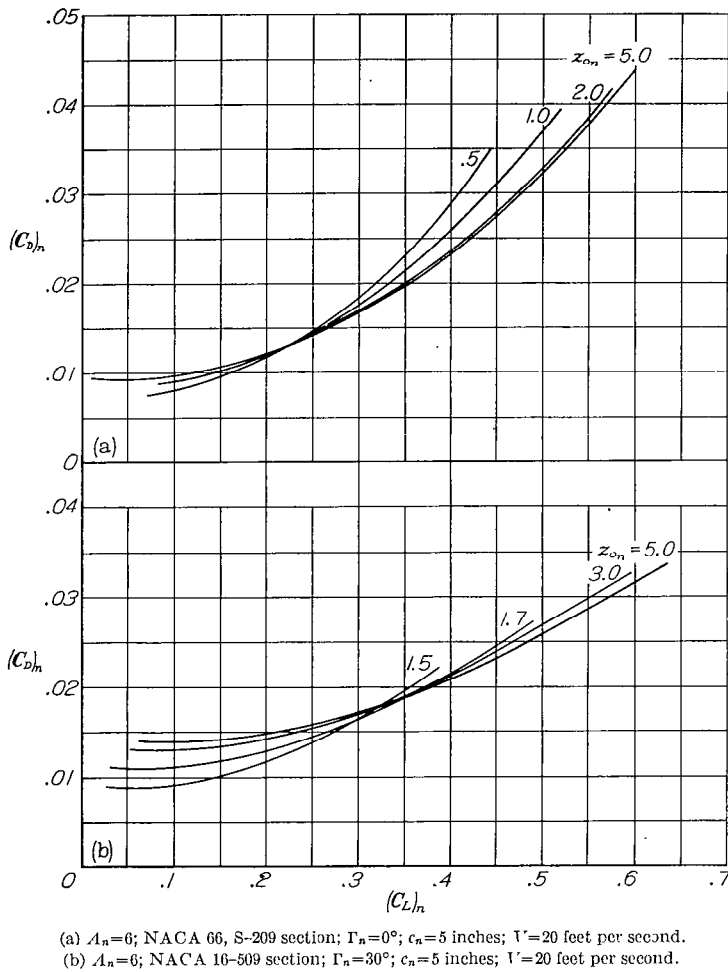


FIGURE 24.—Variation of  $(C_D)_n$  with  $(C_L)_n$  for a hydrofoil having rectangular plan form and rectangular tips.

**Change in rolling moment with angle of bank  $\partial C_l / \partial \phi$ .**—Increments of  $C_L$  and  $C_Y$ , caused by a change in angle of bank, can be computed by methods outlined in the discussion of  $\partial C_Y / \partial \phi$ . These increments, when multiplied by appropriate moment arms (expressed in span lengths), are used to obtain a plot of  $C_l$  against  $\phi$ , from which the value of  $\partial C_l / \partial \phi$  is measured.

**Change in rolling moment with rolling velocity  $\partial C_l / \partial \frac{pb_1}{V}$ .**—Reference 6 gives  $-0.2$  as an average value of the derivative  $\partial C_l / \partial \frac{pb_1}{V}$  for a conventional airplane wing. The value for a hydrofoil will probably be somewhat smaller, but in the absence of experimental data the average value mentioned was used for rolling of the hydrofoil about its center section.

**Change in rolling moment with yawing velocity  $\partial C_l / \partial \frac{rb_1}{V}$ .**—The average value

$$\frac{\partial (C_l)_n}{\partial \left( \frac{rb_1}{V} \right)_n} = \frac{(C_L)_n}{8} \quad (43)$$

was used for the derivative  $\partial C_l / \partial \frac{rb_1}{V}$ . Reference 6 indicates that this value is suitable for wings with moderate taper, and the loss of lift on parts of a hydrofoil that approach the surface would result in a similar lift distribution if the hydrofoil had dihedral.

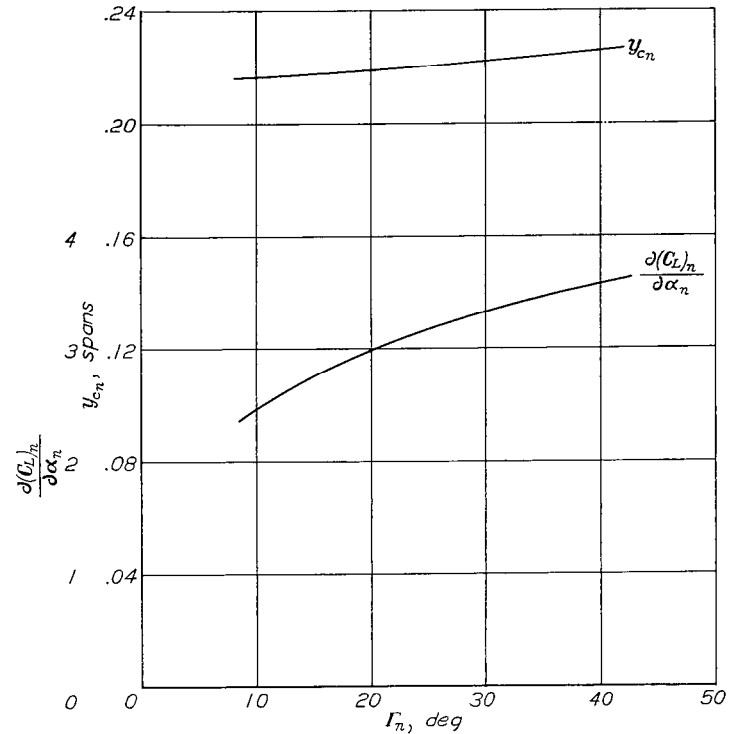


FIGURE 25.—Variation of  $\partial (C_L)_n / \partial \alpha_n$  and  $y_{cn}$  with  $\Gamma_n$ .

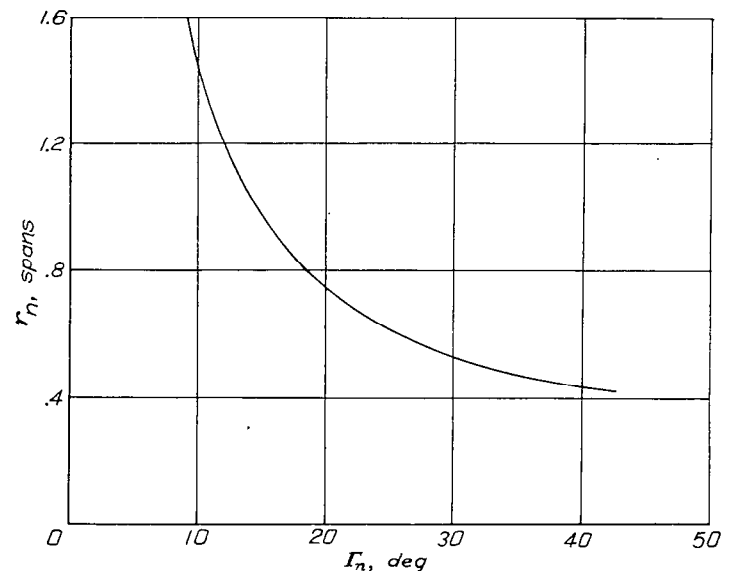


FIGURE 26.—Variation of  $r_n$  with  $\Gamma_n$ .

**Change in yawing moment with sideslip  $\partial C_n / \partial \beta$ .**—During sideslip the lift vector for each panel of a hydrofoil remains perpendicular to both the hydrofoil leading edge and the direction of motion. Hence, the projection of the lift vector on the horizontal plane rotates forward for the leading panel and rearward for the trailing panel. The resulting couple about the hydrodynamic center of the hydrofoil is

$$\frac{\partial (C_n)_n}{\partial \beta_n} = -(C_L)_n y_{cn} \tan \Gamma_n \quad (44)$$

**Change in yawing moment with angle of bank  $\partial C_n / \partial \phi$ .**—If, during banked motion of a hydrofoil, the centroid of drag for each panel is assumed to have the same location as the centroid of lift and if the additional assumption is made that

the variation of drag with lift is the same in the banked attitude as for zero bank,  $\partial C_n / \partial \phi$  can be computed by methods similar to those used for  $\partial C_Y / \partial \phi$  and  $\partial C_l / \partial \phi$ .

**Change in yawing moment with rolling velocity**  $\partial C_n / \partial \frac{pb_1}{V}$ —

The average value given in reference 6 for an elliptical distribution of lift was used for the derivative  $\partial C_n / \partial \frac{pb_1}{V}$ . Thus

$$\frac{\partial (C_n)_n}{\partial \left(\frac{pb}{V}\right)_n} = - \frac{(C_L)_n - \frac{\partial (C_D)_n}{\partial \alpha_n}}{16} \quad (45)$$

The elliptical loading was assumed to approximate the loss in lift over the tip parts of a hydrofoil with dihedral and with the tips at the water surface.

**Change in yawing moment with yawing velocity**  $\partial C_n / \partial \frac{rb_1}{V}$ —

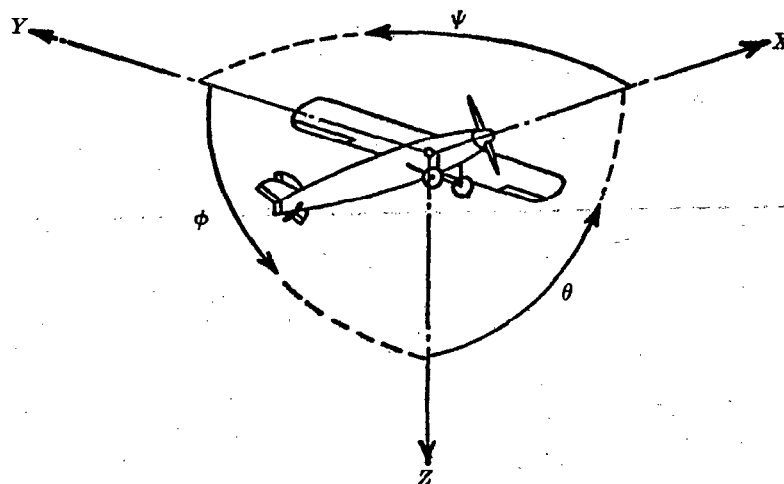
The value

$$\frac{\partial (C_n)_n}{\partial \left(\frac{rb}{V}\right)_n} = - \frac{(C_D)_n}{8} \quad (46)$$

appears to be a suitable approximation to the expression given by Glauert for elliptical wings (see reference 6) and hence was used in the calculations. The selection of elliptical loading was based on the same considerations as for the derivative  $\partial C_n / \partial \frac{pb_1}{V}$ .

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Positive directions of axes and angles (forces and moments) are shown by arrows

Axis		Force (parallel to axis) symbol	Moment about axis			Angle		Velocities	
Designation	Sym- bol		Designation	Sym- bol	Positive direction	Designa- tion	Sym- bol	Linear (compo- nent along axis)	Angular
Longitudinal.....	X	X	Rolling.....	L	Y→Z	Roll.....	φ	u	p
Lateral.....	Y	Y	Pitching.....	M	Z→X	Pitch.....	θ	v	q
Normal.....	Z	Z	Yawing.....	N	X→Y	Yaw.....	ψ	w	r

Absolute coefficients of moment

$$C_l = \frac{L}{qbS}$$

(rolling)

$$C_m = \frac{M}{qcS}$$

(pitching)

$$C_n = \frac{N}{qbS}$$

(yawing)

Angle of set of control surface (relative to neutral position), δ. (Indicate surface by proper subscript.)

#### 4. PROPELLER SYMBOLS

$D$  Diameter  
 $p$  Geometric pitch  
 $p/D$  Pitch ratio

$V'$  Inflow velocity  
 $V_s$  Slipstream velocity

$T$  Thrust, absolute coefficient  $C_T = \frac{T}{\rho n^2 D^4}$

$Q$  Torque, absolute coefficient  $C_Q = \frac{Q}{\rho n^2 D^5}$

$P$  Power, absolute coefficient  $C_P = \frac{P}{\rho n^3 D^5}$

$C_s$  Speed-power coefficient  $= \sqrt[5]{\frac{\rho V_s^5}{P n^2}}$

$\eta$  Efficiency

$n$  Revolutions per second, rps

$\Phi$  Effective helix angle  $= \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{V}{2\pi r n} \right)$

#### 5. NUMERICAL RELATIONS

1 hp = 76.04 kg-m/s = 550 ft-lb/sec

1 metric horsepower = 0.9863 hp

1 mph = 0.4470 mps

1 mps = 2.2369 mph

1 lb = 0.4536 kg

1 kg = 2.2046 lb

1 mi = 1,609.35 m = 5,280 ft

1 m = 3.2808 ft